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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

One of the primary objectives of the Tiffany Club is to aid in the development and effectiveness of non-profit organizations serving the CD/TS/AN Community, and the development of Information Distribution Centers throughout the world.

The primary objective of the TV/TS Tapestry is to provide an information source and communications link between these organizations and distribution centers.

For these reasons the Tiffany Club and the TV/TS Tapestry work cooperatively with and in support of the following organizations:

(SERVICE) The Outreach Institute, Renaissance, Confide, Janus Information Facility, FACT, Metamorphosis.
(SOCIAL) Gateway Gender Alliance and its Chapters, Society for the Second Self and its Chapters, Shangri La and its Chapters, Mayflower Society, Halcyon Society, Harriet Lane's TV Set, XX Club, Albany TVIC, Better Living Institute, Sue Hall, Fantasies In Lace, Paradise Club, Crossroads Chapter, Upper Midwest TV Network, Mountain Rose Society, CHIC, Thursday Irregulars, TAMS (Canada), Beaumont Society (England), Elizabeth Club (Japan)

POLICIES

GENERAL: The Tiffany Club and the Tapestry will support any individual, organization, or commercial enterprise that provides a valid service to the CD/TS/AN Community, and is not unethical, illegal or dangerous. Although sexually oriented organizations and services will be supported, it is understood that the Tiffany Club and the Tapestry are intended to be neutral, and acceptable to all. Therefore no sexually oriented ads, photos, or articles will be accepted for publication in the Tapestry.

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION CENTERS: The Tiffany Club will provide copies of the Tapestry free of charge to any organization or individual serving as an information distribution center. In return the Tiffany Club expects to be kept informed of relevant services and events.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS: The Tiffany Club will provide copies of the Tapestry free of charge to any non-profit organization and its chapters. In exchange the Tiffany Club expects to receive any available newsletters, and permission to reprint any articles and information that is of interest and relevant to all. (The Tapestry will print only that information which will not endanger the security of the organization or its members, and will reflect favorably upon that organization.)

The Tiffany Club will accept advertising and distribute information free of charge.

In order to encourage individuals to support the non-profit organizations, **substantial discounts** on subscription and membership fees, attendance fees, and rates to Tiffany sponsored events are offered to subscribers and members in good standing of approved organizations.

COMMERCIAL: The Tiffany Club and the Tapestry will accept advertising from all legitimate commerical enterprises. Also, discounts are offered to the subscribers of commerical publications, and advertising accepted and information distributed free of charge on a reciprocal basis.

FEES:

Individual copies of the TV/TS Tapestry are $8.00

The Subscription rate for the Tapestry is $30.00 for one year ($20.00 for members in good standing of approved non-profit organizations, and subscribers to a commercial publication approved by the Tiffany Club Board of Directors.) Subscribers are entitles to: 1.) A free personal listing for one year, 2). Be kept informed of special notices and coming events on a monthly basis, and 3.) Discounts to any Tiffany Club sponsored event.

If you wish to become a Subscriber, or have your personal listing placed in the Tapestry, send your check or money order (U.S. Funds Only) and your personal listing to: "TV-TS Tapestry", c/o Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

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ORGANIZATIONS

SERVICE

THE HUMAN OUTREACH and ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE P.O. Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network), seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00)

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non-sexual and sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

THE CENTER FOR BECOMING 35 Chester St., Allston MA 02134 (617)568-0680, or 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749

Nature: "The Center For Becoming" is a gender identity clinic serving the crossdressing/transsexual/androgyne population of New England and the Northeast.

Services: The Clinic offers evaluation, group and individual conseling and therapy, and therapy for family and friends. The Clinic uses a new course of therapy - ONTOSYNTHESIS - through which all client/patients can determine beyond all doubt the truth about their gender and sexuality and come to a deep and lasting inner peace with their masculine and feminine principles and their ways of being.

Security: Total discretion, anonymity and protection prevails in all circumstances.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56, Tappen NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offering counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender problems. Private therapy sessions are held with Garrett Oppenheim, Ph.D., F.I.C., the director, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex-reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1½ hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES P.O. Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: Renaissance Update (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco CA 94088 408-678-0609

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25 donation is requested.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION P.O. Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W 1P4

Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).

Services: To provide research and information relevant to the F-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, paraprofessional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) P.O. Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N 3C8 (416)529-7884

Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals. professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes GENDER REVIEW, a periodical newssheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings.

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to GENDER REVIEW. Meetings of FACT Toronto open to all but subject to compliance with the rules of the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagra meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N 3C8 (416)529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling is requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

Security: At present screening is required for initial personal counselling, as this is done at home and not in an office. An introduction from a known trustworthy source is required or a personal encounter in a public place (usually a public library). GENDERSERVE is selective in the publications with which it relates.

SOCIAL

INTERNATIONAL

TIFFANY CLUB P.O. Box 19, Wayland Ma 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 400, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. (The Tapestry is a magazine designed to be the communications link between the non-profit organizations, services, and information distribution centers serving the TV/TS Community. It contains articles, referrals, club reports, coming events and personal listings.) Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, boutique, overnight accomodations and a hostelry for qualified travelers), and a balanced program of social and educational activities (casual get-togethers, parties, beauty courses, nights on the town, vacations, etc.). Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support distribution and referrals.

Security: Tiffany places no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to the Tapestry. However, if a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale Ca 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)

Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.

Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. The chapters are:

San Francisco Chapter
P.O. Box 62283
Sunnyvale Ca 94088

San Jose Chapter
P.O. Box 62283
Sunnyvale Ca 94088

Santa Rosa Chapter
(707) 575-1967

Capitol Chapter
(DC-Baltimore Area)
P.O. Box 218
Burtonsville Md 20730

Success Chapter
P.O. Box 1601
Pinellas Park, Fl 33565

Windy City Chapter
Box 2312
Chicago Il 60690

New York City Chapter
Suite 601
157 W 57th St.
New York, NY 10019

Northwest Chapter
P.O. Box 13173
Portland Or 97213

PI Chapter
(Pittsburgh area)
P.O. Box 576
Export Pa 15632

PGH Chapter
P.O. Box 16080
Pittsburgh Pa 15242

PHI Chapter
(Philadelphia area)
P.O. Box 322
Collingswood NJ 08108

NEPA-GGA
(Northeast Pa.)
c/o Kathy Hivish
P.O. Box 268
Dallas Pa 18612

NU Chapter
(Northern NJ)
P.O. Box 9034
Morristown NJ 07960

Galveston/Houston Chapter
(713) 763-6227

Delta Chi Chapter
P.O. Box 11254
Lincolnia Sta
Alexandra Va 22312

Hampton Roads Chapter
S-180, P.O. Box 2400
Virginia Beach Va 23452

Vancouver Chapter
2073-B E 27th Ave.
Vancouver BC V5N 2W7

Toronto Chapter
(416) 298-7540

Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meeting to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF P.O. Box 194, Tulare Ca 93275

Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondance directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S. Chapters include:

Alpha Chapter
(Los Angeles)
c/o Carol Beecroft
P.O. Box 194
Tulare Ca 93275

Dallas Chapter (Texas)
Maxine McDonald
P.O. Box 31171
Dallas TX 75231

Sigma Delta Chapter
(San Francisco)
c/o Carol Beecroft
P.O. Box 194
Tulare Ca 93275

CHI DELTA MU Chapter
(NY, NJ, Ct)
Mr. M. J. Moran
P.O. Box 4988
Poughkeepsie NY 12602

CHI Chapter (Chicago)
Mary Ann Broer
P.O. Box 2055
Des Plaines Il 60018

Security: Membership is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership in Attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with Tri Ess' code of conduct.

SHANGRI LA Nancy Watson, P.O. Box 18202, Irvine Ca 92713

Nature: Shangri La is a non-profit organization for advanced crossdressers (those who can pass in public easily). Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.

Services: Shangri La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors three major events, the 5 day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), June Shangri La (Southern Cal.), and Summer Shangri La (August, in S. Cal.). Shangri La has local chapters throughout the U.S.: Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter, San Diego/Oceanside Chapter, San Antonio/Houston Chapter, Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter, Mobil (Ala.) Chapter, Chicago Chapter, and St. Louis Chapter.

Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

REGIONAL

NORTHEAST

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND P.O. Box 143, North Kingston RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in "tasteful" crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY P.O. Box 66, Allston Ma 02134 617-254-7389

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The approximately 20 members consist of some who are heterosexual, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private mail boxes, storage, casual get-togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with Kay Campbell or Neil Moses prior to joining. Write: Neil Moses, Secretary Mayflower Society, P.O. Box 66, Allston Ma 02134, or call: Kay Campbell (evenings or weekends) or Neil Moses (5-6 weekdays) 617-254-7389

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB P.O. Box 6070 Station "a" Hartford Ct. 06106 (Information, George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 2 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodatiions for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmotologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter, with respect!!

ALBANY TVIC Contact: William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany NY 12204 518-434-8806

Nature: TVIC is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. TVIC makes a special point of encouraging wives. TVIC has a membership in excess of 500

Services: TVIC provides a monthly newsletter (TVIC Journal), a library, and monthly dinner parties.

Security: TVIC places an emphasis on friendship, good manners and common sense. Screening is done by the President of TVIC, and qualified members.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE C/O Joyce Dewhurst, P.O. Box 296 Elm "A" Station, Flushing NY 11380

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties. It however is a completely separate entity. Both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events. All are held in first class rented halls.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST P.O. Box 296 Elm "A" Station, Flushing NY 11380

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsers frequent parties and debutant balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

NYC GGA CHAPTER Muriel Olive, 157 W 57th St., Suite 601, NYC NY 10019 212-582-6823

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

Services: Get-togethers the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Meeting with the Chapter President.

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Mr. M.J. Moran, P.O. Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self".

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have 27 paid members, and have been in existence for over one year.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

NU CHAPTER (GGA) P.O. Box 9034, Morristown NJ 07960 201-925-6067 (2-7pm), 201-540-0042 (after 6pm) ask for Jim.

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers 1st Saturday of each month.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

PHI CHAPTER (GGA) Michelle Williams, P.O. Box 322, Collingswood NJ 08108

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers 4th Saturday of each month.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES P.O. Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831

Nature: For TV Swingers.
Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has a commercial boutique.
Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA) contact: Kathy Hivish, P.O. Box 268, Dallas Pa 18612, 717-675-2585 weekdays 5 to 10pm, weekends 10 to 10

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance".
Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter featuring Chapter news, other regional para-culture events, reprints of clippings from newspapers, etc; meetings feature speakers on topics relative to our para-culture; referrals in N.E. Pa. to understanding businesses and professionals; wife is willing to write or talk to other wives.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

MID-ATLANTIC, SOUTHEAST

DC CHAPTER GGA contact: Sandy Machin, P.O. Box 11254, Lincolnia Station, Alexandria Va 22312

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers 1st Saturday of each month, educational programs and referrals.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

CAPITOL CHAPTER GGA contact: Lisa Rouse, P.O. Box 218, Burtonsville Md 20720

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers the 4th Saturday of each month.
Security: Private interview with chapter president.

ACADEMY AWARDS Mr. Carl Rizzi, 1014 S. Quebec St. A-9, Arlington Va 22204

Nature: Drag-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

SUCCESS CHAPTER GGA contact: Susan Armstrong, P.O. Box 1601, Pinellas Park Fl 33656

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Set-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each odd numbered month. Success also sponsers the Daytona Beach Weekend held each October.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

MIDWEST, SOUTH CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB P.O. Box 24363, Cleveland Oh 44124

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 60 members with an average of 30+ in attendance at each meeting.
Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsers a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc.
Security: New contacts must be sponsered by a member, but non-members may attend. Sexually and genderally open membership, but members must be crossdressers and must dress at meetings.

CROSSROADS CHAPTER P.O. Box 3013, Flint Mi 48502, Grace Bacon, Elaine Willey, Joanne Janiszewski

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.
Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsers both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the Para-culture.
Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER GGA contact: Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago Il 60690 312-472-4518

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Frequent social functions.
Security: Private meeting with the Chapter President or qualified member.

CHI CHAPTER TRI ESS contact: Mary Ann Broer, P.O. Box 2055 Des Plaines Il 60018

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.
Services: Get-togethers the 3rd Saturday of each month.
Security: Heterosexual TVs only. Private meeting with the Chapter President.

WISCONSIN TV NETWORK contact: Ruthann Moskowitz, P.O. Box 813, Madison Wi 53701

Nature: The TV Network is a non-profit non-sexual social and educational organization.
Services: The TV Network publishes a newsletter (Upper Midwest TV Times), sponsers social and educational functions, and provides information distribution for the Upper Midwest.
Security: All attendees must protect the security and peace of mind of all. Mature and responsible persons welcome.

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY P.O. Box 3062, Boulder Co 80307

Nature: M.R.S. is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. M.R.S. emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security of all. M.R.S. welcomes all mature and responsible people.
Services: M.R.S. publishes a newsletter, sponsors

frequent social events, and provides information distribution for the Intermountain area.
Security: Private interview with a qualified representative of the Mountain Rose Society.

SOUTHWEST, NORTHWEST

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) contact: CHIC, P.O. Box 562, Duarte Ca 91010 213-249-2442

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.
Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter, and sponsors educational programs for the public.
Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

ALPHA CHAPTER TRI ESS contact: Carol Beecroft, P.O. Box 194, Tulare Ca 93275

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.
Services: Frequent socials.
Security: Heterosexual TVs and wives only. Private interview with Chapter President.

SCYROS CHAPTER of SHANGRI LA contact: Nancy Watson, P.O. Box 18202, Irvine Ca 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri La'.
Services: Monthly socials with hors d'oevres and refreshments followed by dinner out in posh restaurants en femme. Scyros often invites guests to help with development in areas such as voice, dress, make-up, deportment, etc.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER GGA P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale Ca 94088

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Security: Private meeting with Chapter President.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER GGA P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale Ca 94088

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Get-togethers the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.
Security: Private meeting with Chapter President.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS (SAN JOSE) By request, inquiries concerning the Thursday Irregulars are to be forwarded by the Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland Ma 01778

Nature: Social interaction of nonparanoid transgendered considerate people. The primary emphasis is on friendship, information dissemination and public relations.
Services: The Irregulars provide businessmen's lunches and meeting places for social functions.
Security: Prospective members will meet with a club representative (as men) at a luncheon or party. Discrete, considerate people are invited to return. Addresses and phone numbers are left to the discretion of the individual only.

SALMACIS 1409 Garden St, Glendale CA 91201 (213)241-9093

Nature: Salmacis is a social group with open get-togethers in a private house the second Saturday of each month.
Services: Maintains a hot line, open house once a month, pass on any information we have - also will provide someone to talk to.
Security: No special security requirements.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER GGA P.O, Box 13173, Portland Or 97213

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS) TAMS, P.O. Box 1164 Station H, Montreal QUE Canada H3G 2N1

Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.
Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (TAMS & Tissues), and has frequent social get-togethers.
Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER GGA 2073-B E 27th Ave. Vancouver BC V5N-2W7

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: Occasional social functions.
Security: Private interview with Chapter President.

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BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1-6XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain
Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations.
Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.
Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

(The organizations and individuals serving as information distribution centers are responsible for being familiar with the various services and organizations available in their given area. This information is to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the inquirer and not the private orientation of the organization or individual. Please note that not all organizations listed above are willing or able to serve as general information distribution centers.)

NORTHEAST

TIFFANY CLUB: Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland Ma 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE: Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston Ma 02215

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY: Information distribution for Greater Boston. Mayflower Society, P.O. Box 66, Allston Ma 02134 617-254-7389

HALCYON SOCIETY: Information distribution for Rhode Island. Halcyon Society, P.O. Box 143, North Kingston RI 02852

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB: Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, P.O. Box 6070 Station "A", Hartford Ct 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE: Information distribution for the New York City area. B.L.I. c/o Joyce Dewhurst, P.O. Box 296 Elm "A" Station, Flushing NY 11380

MS CHERYL A. MCBRIDE: Information distribution for upper New York. Ms. Cheryl McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

MS KATHY HIVISH: Information distribution for Northeast Pennsylvania. Kathy Hivish, P.O. Box 268, Dallas Pa 18612 717-675-2585 weekdays 5-10pm, weekends 10 to 10

MS MICHELLE WILLIAMS: Information distribution in South NJ/Philadelphia area. Michelle Williams, Box 322, Collingswood NJ 08108

MID-ATLANTIC, SOUTHEAST

BETTY ANN LIND: Information distribution for Mid-Atlantic area. B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St. A-1416, Alexandria VA 22304

ALICE MILLARD: (Oct. - Apr.) Information distribution Southeast, and Gulf Coast area. Alice Millard, c/o Mid-Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 2355, Pensacola FL 32513

FANTASIES IN LACE: Information distribution throughout Florida and Southeast. Fantasies In Lace Inc., 3608 W. Broward Bvl, Ft Lauderdale FL 33312 (305) 581-2366

MID-WEST, SOUTH CENTRAL

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: Information distribution Michigan/Ohio area. Crossroads Chapter, P.O. Box 3013, Flint Mi 48502

MS SHARON RENEE HART: Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago Il 60690 312-472-4518

NAOMI O.: Information distribution for Upper Mid-West. Box 34 Rm 1222, 17 N State St, Chicago IL 60602

MS RUTHANN MOSKOWITZ: Information distribution for Wisconsin/Minnisota area. Ruthann Moskowitz, P.O. Box 813, Madison Wi 53701

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY: Information distribution for Colorado area. Mountain Rose Society, P.O. Box 3062, Boulder Co 80307

MS MAXINE MCDONALD: Information distribution for Dallas/Fort Worth area. Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas Texas 75231

MS DOROTHY LYNNE HORN: Information distribution for South Texas area. Dorothy Lynne Horn, P.O. Box 996, Jourdanton Texas 78026

SOUTHWEST, NORTHWEST

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES: Information distribution of Southern California area. Renaissance, P.O. Box 11341, Santa Ana Ca 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE: Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale Ca 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER: Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, P.O. Box 13173, Portland Or 97213

FOUDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT): Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, P.O. Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N 3C8 (416)529-7884

COMING EVENTS

New England

TIFFANY CLUB (Open, non-sexual)
Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday
Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.
Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Ann Ashley, organizer.
TS Support Group: 8pm, Saturday, July 9. Special Guest
8pm Saturday, October 1, Special Guest
Wive's Support Group: Meetings irregularly scheduled. Contact: 8obbi C. or Char 8. c/o Tiffany
Clam 8ake: All day and evening, August 6th. (As we will have passed papers on our house, the Clam 8ake may also serve as our official House Warming. Details pending
Fall Open House: All day, Saturday September 17
Halloween: 7pm Saturday November 5 (Scheduled to avoid conflict with Fantasia Fair)
Thanksgiving: 7pm Saturday November 19

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KAY MAYFLOWER SOCIETY: (8oston, sexual aternatives)
P.O. 8ox 66, Allston MA 02134
(617)254-7389
Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night. The exception is on the week before the Monthly Party the meeting is on Wednesday rather than Friday.
Parties: Last Saturday of each Month

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TRANSSEXUAL RAP GROUP: (Friends, relatives, interested persons welcome)
Meetings: 7pm each Thursday in Suite #1 (2nd floor), 7 Davis Sq, Somerville MA
For information: Center For Becoming, 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749 (617)568-0680

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HALCYON SOCIETY: (Rhode Island, open non-sexual) Occupant, P.O. Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852
Meetings: last Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.

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HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: (Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, 8ox 2 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

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XX (TWENTY) CLU8: (Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, P.O. Box 6070 Sta. "A", Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month

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OUTREACH INSTITUTE: (Educational) Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Sta., 8oston MA 02215
July 8-10: Fantasia Weekend, San Francisco CA
August 5-7: Fantasia Weekend, Los Angeles CA
October 14-23: 9th Annual Fantasia Fair in Provincetown MA

New York

AL8ANY TVIC: (Open, non-sexual) William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany NY (518)434-8806
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month except July and August

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NYC GGA CHAPTER: (Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, 157 W 57th St., Suite 601, NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

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JOYCE DEWHURST, 8ETTER LIVING INST.: (NYC, Open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, P.O. 8ox 296, Elm "A" Sta., Flushing NY 11380 (212)335-3048
Vacation Weekend in the Catskills: September 16 - 18, in the Cairo NY area.

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LEE'S MARDI GRAS: (Social) Provincetown 83/84 Committee, 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036 (Contact Bebe J. Scarpi, 212-947-7773)
Columbus Day Weekend: October 8-9-10 in Provincetown
Pre-Halloween: October 22-23 in Provincetown. Discover a whole new world in Provincetown with the person who started TV tours, Lee G. 8rewster.
New Orleans: Pending a study of financial feasibility, another Mardi Gras tour to New Orleans is contemplated.

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CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Closed, heterosexual) Mr M.J. Moran, P.O. 8ox 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

New Jersey-Pennsylvania

PHI CHAPTER (GGA): (South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) Michelle Williams 8ox 322, Collingswood NJ 08108
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

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SUE HALL: (NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831
Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like

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DALLAS CHAPTER (GGA): (N.E. PA., open non-sexual) Miss Kathy Hivish, 8ox 268, Dallas PA 18612 (717)675-2585 (5-10pm weekdays)
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

Mid-Atlantic

DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA): (8altimore-Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 4th Saturday each month

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ACADEMY AWARDS: (Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) Mr. Carl Rizzi, 1015 S. Quebec St. A-9, Arlington VA 22204

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CAPITOL CHAPTER (GGA): (8altimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Lisa Rouse, Box 218, 8urtonsville Md 20720
Meetings: 2nd Saturday each month

Southeast-South

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): (Florida, open non-sexual) Susan Armstrong, 8ox 1601, Pinellas Park FL 33656
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each odd numbered month. (There is a report of monthly meetings. Check first.)
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FANTASIES IN LACE: (Florida, open non-sexual) 3608 W. Broward Bvl, Ft Lauderdale FL 33312 (305)581-2366
Meetings: Every Saturday

Upper Midwest

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): (Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312)472-4518
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled, but very active

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CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

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CROSSROADS CHAPTER: (Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 3013, Flint MI 48502
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

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PARADISE CLU8: (Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 24363, Cleveland OH 44124
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)

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WITV NETWORK: (Wisconsin, open non-sexual) Ruthann Moskowitz, 8ox 813, Madison WI 53701
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

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Midwest - Inter-Mountain

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY: (Colorado, open non-sexual) Box 3062, Boulder CO 80306
Meetings: 1st Friday of each month at locations to be announced. Also there are reports of daytime meetings, but inquire first.
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TV/TS RAP GROUP: (Denver support)
Meetings: Open, call: (303)930-7353

Southwest

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS): (Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, P.O. Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Meeting schedule unavailable at this time.
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Meeting schedule unavailable at this time.
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C.H.I.C. (Crossdresser Heterosexual Intersocial Club): P.O. Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)249-2442
Meetings: 3rd Saturday each month
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SHANGRI LA: (National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri La West: June 24-26, Tehachapi CA
Shangri La '84: Dates and location pending
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SALMACIS: (Open) Salmacis, 1409 Garden St., Glendale CA 91201 (213)241-9093
Meetings: 2nd Saturday each month
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SANTA ROSA CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) Maria (707)538-9099
Meetings: Call for time and location
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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

Northwest

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE (GGA): (Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month
Santa Rosa: Call Maria (707)-538-9099 for information
San Diego: Contact W. Thomas, P.O. Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109 for information
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THURSDAY IRREGULARS: (San Jose, open to non-paranoid transgendered people, non-sexual)
Luncheons & Parties: (By request) c/o Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER - PORTLAND (GGA): P.O. Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time, but active
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER - SEATTLE (GGA): c/o P.O. Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Meeting schedule unavailable at this time.

Canada

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS): CP 1164 Succ H, Monreal, QUE H3G 2N1
Meetings: 2nd Saturday 2:00pm, and 4th Thursday 7:30pm. (During the summer the revised schedule is: June 11 2:00pm, none in July, August 25 7:30pm, then the schedule is normal thereafter.)
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FACT (Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals): FACT, Box 291, Sta. A, Hamilton ONT CAN L8N 3C8 (416)539-7884
Meetings: 2nd Friday each month, visitors welcome
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METAMORPHOSIS: (Support for the F-M transsexual) P.O. Box 5963, Sta. A, Toronto ONT CAN M5W 1P4
Meetings: Schedule unavailable at this time.

Foreign

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: (Great Britain, closed heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London WC1-6XX England
Meetings: Schedule unavailable, but frequent meetings in eleven chapters.
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SHAFT (Self Help Association for Transsexuals): SHAFT, 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5 9UX
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FRIEND MERSEYSIDE: 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, L1 4DE (051)708-0234 (Friday 7-10pm)
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ELIZABETH CLUB: (Japan, open) Ant Trading Co., Sakata Bldg, 1-12 Iwamoto-Cho Kanda, Chiuoda-Ku, Tokyo 101, Japan
Meetings: No schedule available. Private facilities in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Vacations

FANTASIA FAIR: (Cape Cod, open non-sexual) Eve Goodwin, Dept FF Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston MA 02215
October 14-23 1983: Annual 9-day event held each Fall in Provincetown MA. F/F offers a wide selection of educational, social and outdoor activities and programs to all participants.
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DREAM: (Oregon, open non-sexual) DREAM, Box 58, 507 3rd Ave., Seattle WA 98104
September 10-17 1983: Simi-annual high quality event held in the fall near Portland Oregon. Features condominiums, and a 5-day fashion/beauty course.
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DAYTONA BEACH: (Florida, open non-sexual) Success, P.O. Box 1601, Pinellas Park, FL 34290 (813)856-2542
September 25 - October 2 1983: Annual 7-day event sponsored by the Success Chapter of GGA. Spend a day, a week, or longer.
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CATSKILL MT. FANTASY FESTIVAL: (NY, open non-sexual) Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights NY (212)335-3048
September 16-18 1983: This is the last annual Fall weekend sponsored by Joyce Dewhurst. To be held at a beautiful resort in the Cairo NY area.
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TV'S ON TOUR: (Provincetown, open) Provincetown '83-'84 Committee, 565 10th Ave., Suite 301, NYC, NY 10036 (212)947-7773
October 8-9-10 1983, and October 22-23 1983: Discover a whole new world in Provincetown MA. on Columbus Day Weekend, and again for Pre-Halloween with the person who started TV tours, Lee G. Brewster.
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SHANGRI LA WEST: (California, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, P.O. Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
June 24-26 1983: Annual event usually held near Los Angeles.

LETTERS

From Garrett Oppenheim, Ph.D, Director of Confide Personal Counseling Services Inc., Box 56, Tappan NY 10983 (914)359-8860

Dear Merissa

We are indeed impressed with Issue 38 of "The TV/TS Tapestry." It certainly contains a wealth of needed information on the organizations, services and doings. And we well know how much time and effort goes into collecting, checking, editing and publishing all that data. A fantastic job!

Many thanks, and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely, Garrett

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From Maxine MacDonald, Information distribution in Texas, concerning the efforts to get the various organizations to work together:

Dear Merissa

Enjoyed our visit - it was very informative. I agree with most of your points, and wish you luck as the "Phillip Habib" type conciliator of the paraculture. There are enough people in the straight world that hate us without our destroying ourselves by in-fighting.

Keep up the good work. Maxine (Tx)

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Dear Merissa

I just cannot believe that it has been over three weeks since that wonderful Tuesday night that I finally met you and the other girls. Oh what a beautiful night it was. The words have not been made that will enable me to thank enough for taking away my butterflies and making me feel right at home. It was as if I had known some of you for ten years.

I will be coming back.

- Jackie (Ma.)

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APRIL'S OPEN HOUSE

Dear Merissa

This is just a short not to let you know how much I enjoyed the Open House last Saturday. I had a truly wonderful time and met a lot of great girls.

I think you and your associates have done, and are doing, a tremendous job with Tiffany. I've been involved in a few organizational efforts in other areas myself, and have a pretty fair idea of the problems you've faced and continue to face. An additional factor, much as I hate to admit it about our own kind, is that TVs tend to be shall we say, somewhat close with a buck when it comes to supporting an organization, even when it's for their own benefit.

Thanks again, and congratulations on the fine job you're doing. I'm looking forward to seeing you and all the girls at the Spring Weekend in P-town. I'm sure we'll all have a fabulous time.

Love, Barbara (DE)

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From Harriet Lane, director of Harriet Lane's TV Set, Box 2 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492, (203) 288-1166:

Dear Merissa

Just recieved your TV/TS Tapestry #38, and have spent the last hour reading it from cover to cover; even every advertisement & as usual enjoyed it thoroughly. It is the most informative TV/TS publication in America & you & your associates who contrive it should be congratulated on being one of the most reliable organizations for aid to the TV Community.

In the beginning, about 100,000 hours ago when we first met at one of Kay's Mayflower parties, I did not realize how close in retrospect we could get in our treatment of the TV scene. Remembering that I was doing crossdressing before World War II, or was it I, anyway, the torture & guilt I went through in those days, I wish there had been a club or organization that I could have turned to for help or meeting of other people who would accept me as Harriet or Harry no matter how I looked in "Drag". Well here you have created this in your club & I have created it in my club. Both of us dedicated to the opening of the closet door to our hidden sisters. Hallelujah!! We have saved & have saved ourselves in the process. You've done a wonderful job & I know you will continue to do as well in the future. There will always be a "Tiffany"! Hopefully a "TV Set" also!

The praise is from the heart.

Your sister - Harriet Lane

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Dear Merissa

My wife and I enjoyed our visit to the Tiffany Club Valentine Party. This was sort of a new experience for her, she handled it well and it seems to have taken the stigma out of dressing a little. I believe she is struggling with her own emotions, has tried to be more open and understanding; and the fine people who are attracted to Tiffany have helped in that process. While this is "not the high point in her life", she certainly knows now that she can relax and be comfortable in a large group of friendly people.

We will be back soon.

Love, P. (NY)

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Dear Merissa

Your organization listings, info centers, event agenda and reports are welcome. Put in the classifieds, and I wonder where there will be room for Tiffany news. Aside from that, it is an informative package.

Sincerely, Laura (Canada)

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National Gender Project: The following letter is from Richard F. Docter Ph.D. Dr. Docter is a Professor of Psychology at California State University. (See "National Gender Project" in the 'Bulletin Board'.)

Dear Merissa

Kay Gould kindly suggested I write you to invite the Tiffany Club's participation in the research project I am conducting. Data collection is now in progress following extensive collaboration with many of the members of CHIC here in Los Angeles.

A unique feature of this project compared to many previous research efforts is the emphasis on having a long term study. Rather than looking at "a slice in time", the goal is to find out what happens to individuals over the course of their lives. The project plans to publish information for the interested public as well as technical reports.

Some materials, such as the Cross Dressing Inventory, may permit the development of measures which could be a valuable resource to other researchers.

A questionnaire directed to the wives of cross-dressers is also included for those who are interested in giving their views.

There has been extensive consideration given to the vital topic of security and confidentiality and we are highly sensitive to this topic.

This project is not similar to a master's thesis in scope nor is it a "quick-look" project. Those who are participating nationwide have been enthusiastic about this work and I sincerely invite your careful study of what is being done.

Thank you for your consideration and for any suggestions you may have.

Richard F. Docter, Ph.D.

(***Editor's note: Anyone interested in participating, or learning more about this project should contact: Richard F. Docter Ph.D., 17162 Sunburst St., Northridge CA 91325)

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Dear Merissa

Hope you have your fun at the Tiffany Weekend. Sorry I couldn't make it again.

Went to the V.I.P. ball in L.A. About 600 people there. Not like the east coast and its '60' people ball. On the plus side, there's nothing like Tiffany either.

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Found a new F.I. place in Long Beach, called IMPACT. Quite a place. Small, but with a dance floor, tiered seating, and about the friendliest place I've been.

Again, have 'fun' at the Weekend, and say hi to all the girls. Sure do miss our Sunday morning breakfasts and Sunday evening Metros.

XX's Rhonda

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Merissa

It is a pleasure to see the Tapestry magazine becoming the definitive periodical in our field.

Jane

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Dear All

I want to thank everyone for a wonderful visit. I had a very good time, and you all made me feel very comfortable.

Thanks again for everything.

Love, Debbie

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My Dearest Merissa

Each time I read your wonderful Tapestry and the news and announcements I wish with all my heart I lived closer to you - you have such exciting get-togethers planned - such great plans. I wish I could be a part of them all.

Much love, Shiela

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[Editor's note: Don't take this letter too seriously!]

My Dear Merissa:

As you know, I have a lot of funn kidding the TV world and it's unusual when when I have a real experience to relate. I suppose most everyone is aware of the new banking whereby you just insert a card, punch in the amount of money you want to withdraw and it pops right out.

Well, I was a bit short and needed fifty dollars to tide me over. I mistakenly slipped the Tiffany Membership card into the slot and it went crazy, spewing out money like Niagra Falls. Not being a thief I just took my fifty and left the stuff on the sidewalk. The papers later said that over thirty thousand dollars had disappeared.

I decided to splurge with my fifty dollars and went to a very expensive restaurant. I dress well and normally pass easily but, this day the manager read me and while I was in the ladies room he locked the door and called the police.

You can imagine how I felt when two hard nosed cops came into the ladies room and demanded identification. My hands were shaking so badly that I dropped my billfold to the floor where it opened showing my Membership Card. Well, things changed instantly. The plice apologized most profusely and both said, "Have a good day."

They then took the manager into an alley and beat him to within an inch of his life and on leaving said, "Never hassle acard carrying member of the Tiffany Club!"

Love, DeeDee W.

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etter from Virginia Prince, founder of FPE (now Tri Ess) and Chevalier Publications (including 'Transvestia' magazine).

Dear Merissa

I want to congratulate you both on the TAPESTRY as a publication and on your accomplishments with Tiffany. Much of what you have done such as a residence club was part of my hopes when I furst started FPE but personal and social conditions at the time just were not conducive to it. I approve of your efforts to bring some cohesion to the various areas of the subculture, though I am not at all sure that it can be accomplished for various reasons. Amond these are the variations in ideology running from the "anything goes" groups at one end to those with special limitations of some sort at the other end. Examples of these are TRI ESS where we have emphasized heterosexual cross dressers not out of antagonism to TSs and HSs but in the interest of wives participation which would definitely be put off if our membership included other types since they would see their husbands as drifting in those directions. And then there is CHIC whose limitations are a very choosy selectivity as to who is good enough for them plus rather high financial requirements. However, while it would probably not be possible to get such diverse groups together in personal participatory ways, it might be possible in a general membership sort of group if there were something to be achieved through the membership other than just the knowledge of belonging. Publications such as Tapestry may be able to do that butyou would have to provide items of broader interest. People who can not get to Boston are not provided much besides a lot of reports of goings on in various places which are not too fascinating if you can't participate either because of distance, money or personal circumstances. That is why I tried to provide in TVia something worthwhile in itself which would act as a kind of glue for the organization. But anyway, keep up the good work, and more power to you and your unifying efforts.

As Ever, Virginia Prince, Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036

[****Editor's note: Virginia's comments and suggestions are respected, and always welcome. Virginia has been one of the most productive and influential people in our Community, and her thoughts and suggestions are based on many years of experience.

Virginia applauded our efforts to bring some cohesion to the 'paraculture', but questioned our ability to do it, mostly because of the variations in ideology. I agree, its a tough job, but I'm absolutely certain it can be done, not in spite of the differences, but because of them. The trick is not to get the organizations to work together, but to recognize our primary obligation is to those 10's of thousands of people out there who need us. The organizations (especially the leaders) must recognize our respective niches in the over-all scheme of things, and fill those niches to the best of our ability. That means we must keep each other informed as to who's who, what's what and what's happening. Our job is not only to satisfy the needs of our respective memberships, but to direct those 10's of thousands of people out there to the club or service that will best satisfy their needs. It is the job of the TV/TS Tapestry to keep the organizations, information distribution centers, services and interested individuals informed, and it is the job of everyone to keep the Tapestry informed. The Tapestry then unofficially becomes 'the international organization', the unifying factor, and no one is required to work directly with anyone else.

Again, the primary job is to provide a balanced program of services to the entire TV/TS Community, and the supportive medical-professional-commercial community. No individual organization can do that. Only collectively can the job get done. The job can get done not in spite of the variations in ideology, but because of them. Again, the organizations are not required to work together, just keep each other informed. That communications link is the Tapestry.]

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Dear Merissa

An item that I think the members might be interested in. Up until a year or so ago we had to get extra high heels thru Centurian or some other American middleman. Connie has found out that shoes can be gotten direct from Hong Kong now, and roughly it's $25 cheaper. I thought you might like to run this in the next Tapestry.

If you do not have the "in stock" ready for shipment brochure, you can request it from Ablemen. The address: Ablemen Trading (H.K.) Co. GPO Box 4017, Hong Cong, B.C.C.

Love, DeeDee

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Dear Merissa

I received issue 38 of the Tapestry yesterday and have already read it from cover to cover three times. I've know for some time that there are gorups like the

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Tiffany Club but this is the first time I've made contact. Two articles caused a lot of emotion to well up in me. The first was Norma Bates' report of Sherelynn Lehman's speech to the Paradise Club (p. 17) and the other was the little article by Helen Thordsen (p. 16). I wish I could tell you about myself but I'm afraid to put much in writing. I have a wife and two small sons. My wife knows about my inner me and is ambivalent about it, - at times supportive, and at times not. When I married her I thought it would put an end to "this foolishness". But of course it didn't, as Sherelynn Lehman could have told me.

Even as I write this letter I keep thinking - don't get involved - and yet I wish I could talk to someone who would understand. I have a lot of good things going for me. I'm not at all wierd and I don't want to get involved in wierd things. But I've born this secret about myself ever since I first noticed it when I was about 5 years old and it would surely help if I could talk to someone.

P. (MA)

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Dear Merissa

Received some mail today telling me about the P-town Weekend and naturally I drooled with envy, wishing that I could attend. Sometimes, I will simply have to say "to hell with everything: and just join you grils for a lot of fun. Even though I can't be there, I want you to know that my heart is. The few of you that I have had the privilege to meet have proven that you are indeed "my kind of people". Not because some dress and others may not, or some are in or out of the closet, I am talking about caring, loving people.

Keep up the good work dear. I hope everything nice happens to you.

Love, Lee

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Letter from Janet B., director of the Halcyon Society:

Dear Merissa

Halcyon is doing very well for itself I am proud to say and pretty much self-motivating by those within the membership. I feel very comfortable in the direction the group seems to be taking for itself. You know, we have an anniversary in May. It's hard to believe Halcyon's starting its 3rd year.

My complements to you on the latest issue of the Tapestry! I fould it very enjoyable reading - the unifying factor which you have spoken so much about is starting to show itself through your efforts.

Take Care, Janet

"Then the discord is mostly about your son, Vito, here?"

(**Courtesy of "The Garter Press")

FORUM

The Forum is for exploring what we think, what we feel, what we say and do. It is for exploring our difficulties, our guilts and fears, and how we can overcome them. The Forum is not for fiction, or fantasy, or technical articles. Rather, it is for talk, for thought, for understanding outselves and one another, and for sharing ourselves with others.

If you have an item you wish to submit for publication in the Forum, send it to: Editor, The Tapestry, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

Open Letter

By Ariadne Kane, Dir.
The Outreach Institute

In the past few years much has been said, both pro and con, about the Outreach Institute, programs, services and its Director. I take this opportunity, provided by the Tapestry, to respond to some of the misinformation and insidious remarks regarding the nature and purposes of our organization.

The Outreach Institute has been in existence for the past 8 years. It is a non-for-profit educational corporation. It was founded to foster better understanding of crossdressing and related gender issues, among helping professionals and the CD/TS/AN Community.

Over that period we have developed a number of important programs. These include:

- Outreach Professional Evaluation & Referral Network also known as OPERN
- Conferences, seminars, Symposia, and workshops on Human Sexuality and Gender Issues for helping professionals
- A Quarterly Newsletter
- A Book & Publication service (including a catalog)
- Fantasia Fair
- Fantasia Weekends

All of the above has been accomplished in spite of very limited resources and with the assistance of few people from the paraculture who give what ever time and money to make this Institute a reality.

We rent space for an office, have a telephone with a 24 hour answering service. We also rent some basic office equipment such as a typewriter and a copy machine. Monies for this basic operation come from contributions from friends of the Institute and our basic programs.

Our principal programs have been the Fantasia Fair and the Fantasia Weekends. The Fantasia Fair is a living-learning experience for crossdressers, pre-operative transsexuals and androgynes. It is directed towards personal growth of the participant and providing a basis for self confidence with their femme selves. It is held for 9 days each year in Provincetown MA. This October will mark the ninth annual Fair. The Fantasia Weekend is a condensed version of the Fair, and is scheduled in several major centers throughout the United States.

After we have finished a program and paid all of the vendors and consultants, what little remains goes back into the account of the Institute. It is on this meager revenue that this organization continues to function throughout the year.

The Institute has a functional Board of Directors which establishes basic policy and reviews the operating budget. The Director of the Institute does not draw a salary. All income goes to operating the office and seeding of our programs.

As for myself, I have accepted the challenge of exploring the issues confronting this paraculture in the hope of gaining more insight about the nature of the behaviours and sharing my observations with all who are interested in the sub-

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ject. In addition to my appearance on the Phil Donahue Show, I have been on several other important video and radio talk shows. I have been asked to give seminars to several mental health organizations. I have not received compensation for many of these time demanding programs. I feel it my obligation to respond to such request for in-depth information on both public and private media, as part of the job of director of the Outreach Institute. The real payoff for me has been receiving letters of thanks for helping someone better understand the issues and behaviors.

I feel that we have just scratched the surface of real understanding among helping professionals and interested lay public. There is much more to be done and it is only realizable through support of concerned members of the CD/TS/AN Community. For it is only through such a support base that we can achieve full understanding about ourselves and those we want to better understand.

Sincerely,
Ariadne Kane, Director

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*(****Edited from Paradise Club's newsletter, 'Paradise Tales')*

Society And Gender Ambiguity

by Jamie H.

The appearance and mass audience approval of several movies and plays dealing with gender ambiguity in the past year hopefully signals the beginning of an extraordinary revolution in American sexual thinking. "Drag" has always been used as a gag in the past; from the "females" played by Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in "Some Like It Hot" to M*A*S*H*'s Klinger, the characters in the short lived series "Bosom Buddies", and the rediculous masquerades in numerous episodes of the "Love Boat". The most important switch pulled in "Tootsie" is not in Michael/Dorothy's progression through gender, but in the assumption that for a man to dress and act realistically like a woman is not, ipso facto, absurd.

Today's audiences, representative of society, seem to do more than just accept the essentially light-hearted confusion of sexual disguise and discovery. Blake Edwards and Sydney Pollack realized this but chose the comedic form to impart their messages in "10", "Victor/Victoria" and "Tootsie" rather than make the films heavy with obvious social message. Today's crop of heroes and heroines, whatever their motives for cross-dressing, are mirroring contemporary sexual conflicts and attitudes. The recent plays and movies raise good questions about what it means to be a male or female (beyond the obvious). Is anyone wholly feminine or masculine, or are we all at different points of the same continuum?

Many recent magazine articles have also addressed this issue. Last year "Playboy" ran a series of articles on "Human Sexuality"; one entire article was devoted to research into pre-natal endrocrinological programming of the brain's sexual identity - a topic discussed by Sherelynn Lehman in her last meeting with Paradise. Dustin Hoffman's interviews in various magazines have provided many significant insights, including the thought that he was a better man for having been a woman. While that is something that we have really known all along, it is refreshing and important for society to hear that from someone not associated with the transgenderal community.

A recent article in the Sunday Ney York Times went even further than that. Stating that, "The more we know, or can bear to know about ourselves, the less the old conventional patriarchal strictures seem to apply." Quoting Dr. Martha Kirkpatrick, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at U.C.L.A. and a member of Dr. Robert Stoller's gender identity research group there, the article advances the idea "That the breakdown of strict patriarchal rules is involved both in the sexual revolution and in attempts to establish a more egalitarian society." Carol Heilbrun, author of "Toward a Recognition of Androgeny" and a professor of English Literature at Columbia University, says that it is through women, "That one gets at what's wrong with the world."

Interestingly, the recent crop of masquerades is balanced towards the feminine. In a world where for a man to put on a skirt is to take off authority, and for a woman to put on pants is to put it on, men are playing women with the implication that this is an enlargement, and not a diminishment, of their personalities. A man playing a woman really wants to have the experience. There may be an inherent drive in such individuals to give birth, if not in the absolute physical sense, then in the creative sense. Considerable argument can be mustered for the concept that a significant measure of the world's creativity comes from people who are consciously or subconsciously transgenderal. This thesis is supported by the line of psychological thought that the creative act of invention is an attempt on the part of the inventor to redress a wrong of society - subconsciously attacking the patriarchy. Transgenderal rumors/legends exist about many famous historical figures, from Alexander the Great to Michelangelo. Renee Richards and Wendy (nee Walter) Carlos (co-inventor with Richard Moog of the Moog synthesizer and composer/artist on albums such as "Switched On Bach" and "Clockwork Orange") are two contemporary examples. Richards has returned to the practive of opthalmic surgery, citing the lack of creative reward on the tennis circuit.

Although we may have to continue to tolerate gag "drag" episodes, serious thought may be beginning to accept transgenderal behavior as a contribution to society at large, rather than as a freakish aberration. Television appearances, such as Elaine's, are a significant step in the right direction. Maybe there really is "light at the end of the tunnel."

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*(****Editor's note: Mr. Rupert Raj is a post-operative female to male transsexual, and is the founding president of the 'Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation'.)*

THE MAN WITHIN

by Rupert Raj

I feel something stirring
Hidden inside this womanish shell.
It is always re-occurring:
The man within.
I sense something burning
Here inside this female hell.
It is forever churning:
This maleness within me.

I think something's drowning
Deep down inside this lonely well.
It is finally sounding:
This maleness within me.

I know something's surging
Just inside this Venus' cell.
It is Adonis emerging:
The man within--breaks out!

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*(****Editor's note: Elaine's 'The Modern Paraculturalist' was published in Issue 37. It is a 'tongue-in-cheek' poem designed to have some fun with ourselves. It is a witty and very clever poem. If you missed it the first time, go back and read it again.)*

NOTES TO "THE MODERN PARACULTURALIST"
by Elaine Willey

The poem is based on, and set to the music of the song "I Am The Very Model Of A Modern Major General" from The Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan. This song, one of the best known of Gilbert and Sullivan's satirical "patter songs" has been parodied dozens of times; and a TV version seemed entirely appropriate. If you know the original you will see that I have retained much of its wording and have tried to follow its tone and structure very carefully.

The poem was originally written for the variety show at Fantasia Fair, a 9-day crossdressing convention in Provincetown, Massachusetts (see next item).

"Paraculturalist". Ariadne Kane, the Director of the Outreach Institute and the sponsor of Fantasia Fair, is responsible for the widespread use of the word "paraculture" (though she says that someone else thought of it). I take the word to mean "the TV-TS Community", though Ariadne would insist that "TV-TS" be replaced by "CD-TS-AN" (crossdresser, transsexual, androgyne). "Paraculture" was coined to replace "subculture", since the prefix "sub-" appeared to suggest inferiority, whereas "para-" (as in "parallel") could imply "next to" or "on an equal footing with". But see below for complications.

"Tri Ess versus GGA". The Society for the Second Self (abreviated SSS or Tri-Ess) and the Gateway Gender Alliance (GGA) are major national "paracultural" organizations with local chapters. They differ in membership policy and in administration: Tri-Ess admits only heterosexual TVs and tries to supervise its chapters closely; GGA permits and encourages open membership and accepts loosely affiliated chapters.

"Transvestia". A major TV publication for many years (107 issues since 1960). Created by Virginia Prince (see below).

"Unigenderal". A dig at some of our semantic purists who insist on saying "gender" instead of "sex" (thus, "unisex clothing" is forbidden).

"Kane and Prince". "Kane is of course Ariadne Kane. "Prince" is Virginia Prince, co-founder of Tri-Ess (and founder of its predecessor FPE, or "Foundation for Personality Expression"), creator and former editor and publisher of "Transvestia", major TV spokesperson for many years, and a "transgenderist" who lives full-time as a woman without have had, or intending to have, sex-change surgery.

"Male sororities". This is what FPE and Tri-Ess were supposed to be, and in fact they were given Greek-letter names to suggest college sororities ("Phi Pi Epsilon" and "Tri Sigma" respectively). But "Tri Sigma" had to be changed because there was a college sorority by that name!

"Dysphoria". TVs and TSs are often described by psychiatrists as having "gender dysphoria" (discomfort with one's gender). There exists a medical body called the "Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association" which does hold periodic symposia.

"Plethora". This word has no special TV relevance. I put it in (I hope without causing offense) because Ariadne once misused and mispronounced it on a television show.

"Femmiphile". Coined by Virginia Prince and meaning "lover of the feminine". The word was designed to replace "transvestite" (similarly, "FP" was to replace "TV").

"Paraphilia". Since 1980 this word has replaced "sexual deviation" in medical dictionaries and in the Third Edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-III). This latest Edition of the Manual is the first to contain detailed definitions, and hence is now widely quoted in psychology textbooks. In DSM-III TVism is classified as a paraphilia along with such behavior as exhibitionism and voyerism; TSism is a separate category, though still called a psychosexual disorder.

Gilbert and Sullivan would have appreciated the semantic irony here. Our leaders promoted "paraculture" and "femmiphile" as euphemisms meant to replace words suggesting illness, inferiority or deviance; but then the medical profession managed to come up with "para-philia", using parts of our words to create a word with negative connotations after all! The explanation is that "para-", besides meaning "next to", can also mean "faulty" or "abnormal" (as in "paradox", "paralysis", "paranoia"); while "philia", originally the Greek word for non-sexual love (as opposed to "eros"), has long been used in medicine mean deviant liking or tendency, often with sexual overtones ("necrophilia", "scoptophilia"). So a "paraphilia" is an abnormal sexual love or desire, and you can easily imagine what the doctors would think of a "paraculture" of "femmiphiles"! Inventors of new words, beware!

Finally--who is the Modern Paraculturalist supposed to be? I will take heed her of Gilbert and Sullivan's cautionary remarks and point out that, as in their originals, the character is a composite type and not an individual.

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(Edited from Albany TVIC's 'TVIC JOURNAL')

YOUR WIFE'S RIGHTS
by Helen Thordsen

My husband (Wilma) is a transvestite. The reasons why he is what he is have little to do with this article I am writing, so I shall not go into them. I love him enough to accept that portion of his personality with very few reservations... In our 35 years of marriage, nothing in my husband's practice of crossdressing has undermined my love for him as a man or my acceptance of this facet of his personality. However, from my experience as a "TV wife" and my observations of married TVs and their wives among our friends, I should like to pass on a few tips to the readers. These tips are based on more or less prevalent problems which can throw a marital relationship involving TVism off-balance. Some of these pointers I will make are drawn from admittedly minor irritations or annoyances; others are based on conflicts which can bear the seeds of destruction into a TV's marriage. I call them "THE TV WIFE'S BILL OF RIGHTS".

1.) DON'T CALL ME ROOMATE! I have no wish to be your roomate... or your "sister"... or your "girlfriend" -- I am your wife and want to be treated as your wife, no matter how you may happen to be dressed at any given time.

2.) NEVER LET ME FORGET YOU ARE MY HUSBAND! Nothing will make me feel more insecure in our marriage and in my own femininity than for you to become carried away by some mystical "girl within" and forget you are a man and my husband.

3.) DON'T COMPETE WITH ME when we are in public and you're "dressed". I do not mind your having a good time with the femininity you've achieved, but I bitterly resent any competitive comparisons you might make between your femininity and my own appearance. If others at a TV

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party are so rude to make these comparisons I want you to be on my side.

4.) DON'T ABBREVIATE ME or other women in my presence. Whatever nut thought up such abbreviations as "RG" (real girl) or "GG" (genetic girl) certainly must have a deep-seated contempt for women. Unless you make me doubt my own femininity by your actions or attitude toward me, I need no abbreviated reminder that I am a real girl. How would like it if I called you a "RB" or "GB"?

5.) DON'T TELL ME TVism IS "NORMAL" whenever I might express misgivings about your dressing up as a woman. I threw the word "normal" out of my vocabulary years ago when I found out that it no longer had any real meaning in a world where no two people are exactly alike. So let's leave such words as "normal" and "abnormal" to the psychiatrists, the psychologists, and the social workers who spend their lives pigeon-holing human beings.

6.) DON'T SPEAK TO ME OF HORMONES, either in citing them as an excuse for your being a TV or by talking wistfully of them as a means of making your anatomy "more feminine". I like your anatomy the way it is and I don't want you suddenly to start sprouting breasts. And, in case you have not kept up with the medical literature, estrogens can greatly reduce your sex drive, which, thank God, still contributes much to our marriage.

7.) DON'T TELL THE CHILDREN YOU'RE THEIR "AUNTIE" If they ever happen to see you dressed. They know you pretty well and won't be the least bit fooled. Let me do any explaining which has to be done if such an emergency ever arises.

8.) TRY LOUNGING AROUND THE HOUSE IN MALE CLOTHES once in a while. I don't mind you donning a pretty gown or negligee now and then but a steady diet of it tends to get monotonous.

9.) DON'T ALWAYS EXPECT ME TO HELP YOU DRESS! It takes me time to look my feminine best when we go out. I don't mind helping with last minute touches but I just don't have time to supervise every detail of your transformation.

10.) LISTEN TO MY ADVICE when I make suggestions as to your makeup or hairdo or carriage, I want you to look your best whether you're dressed as a man or as a woman.

11.) DON'T WEAR MY CLOTHES WITHOUT MY PERMISSION! You have dozens of outfits of your own. When I'm planning using an outfit of mine I hate to see it stretched.

12.) PLAY FAIR WITH ME WHEN IT COMES TO OUR SOCIAL LIFE! I don't object to your TV friends or to going to TV parties so I expect you to accept my straight friends and attend their parties with no complaining about it.

13.) STICK TO THE BUDGET when you buy your feminine clothes, just as you expect me to stick to mine. Let's talk it over before you buy something expensive.

14.) TRY PAYING AS MUCH ATTENTION TO YOUR MALE CLOTHES as you do your feminine attire. I weary of picking up your suits and slacks out of the corners you dump them in, and I wonder why you seem to treat your feminine things much better.

15.) STOP MAKING EXCUSES FOR BEING A TV! If I manage to live with your transvestism, you should be able to bear up under it quite well. You might be surprised to know that, from a wife's point of view, a lot worse monsters live in this world than TVs, and I'm glad you are not a drunkard or a junkie or a compulsive gambler, any of whose problems makes you pale into insignificance by comparison. All I really ask of you is that you relax, be yourself, and be in love with me.

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ORGANIZATION REPORTS

TIFFANY CLUB REPORT

Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Secretary Tiffany Club: Photograph by Johnnie D. at Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend May '83

It has been an interesting spring to say the least.

First, you remember that March Weekend we had scheduled for the Park Plaza in Boston? You know, the one that everyone said we absolutely had to have because it was such a great place at such a great time, and such a great opportunity to develop a legitimate convention that absolutely everyone wanted to come to? We cancelled it because of lack of interest.

Remember the closing on the house we were supposed to have last December? It's nearly June and we haven't closed yet. The story is too bizarre to tell here. Some hot summer afternoon when you're feeling particularly miserable and want a good cry, open a warm beer and I'll tell you all about it. (Luckily they pulled our broker from the Sagamore Bridge before she jumped.) If we ever actually buy this place there is going to be a celebration heard round the world!

Now, on to the good news. Our late-winter-oil-bill-crisis-prevention Raffle was successful. Priscilla Greene and Helen Tibbetts won the top prizes, virtually everyone won something, and everyone (I think) had fun. The Raffle drawing was held during the Valentine's Party, which in its own right was a smasheroo!

Stephanie and Debbie said they were going to prepare the meal. My God, you should have seen the meal they prepared. Besides our standard excessive quota of junk food, Stephanie and Debbie prepared an Italian meal that would have fed Palermo. Tiffany was well fed for weeks. The girls were so stuffed that corset seams were popping all night. It's tough to feel pretty when you feel more like Hyacinth Hippo,

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but we managed. Phew! What a feed. However, DeeDee and her all-girl band were there to help us dance off a few pounds.

*(***Stephanie and Debbie: It was a magnificent meal. It will not be forgotten. Thank you!)*

Merissa Sherrill Lynn and Liz Warburton during Tiffany's Valentine's Party, Feb. '83 [Photo by Mariette Pathy Allen]

The big story for March was supposed to be our Weekend Outing. Let's move right along to our next big story - the St Patrick's Party.

Willa was our hostess, and, as with most everything she does, the party had an atmosphere of quiet class. It was like attending an after 5 cocktail party, very mellow, and very pleasant. The crowd was smallish, only 35-40 people, and not in a rowdy mood. Also, March is not quite Spring and not quite Winter. It's neither here nor there, and rather EH!, just perfect for a mellow party. The party worked! In fact it worked so well we were thinking of changing the name from St. Patrick's to St. Willa's.

There was one small deviation. The night before the party Erica donated a Ms Pac Man machine. (We could have had Pac Man, but Pac Man in a bow and make-up seemed more appropriate.) A few of us, myself included, became, shall we say, hooked. A few people were not too thrilled with having Ms Pac Man at Tiffany. I can see their point. After all, conversing and solving the gender problems of the world loses its charm if you have to listen to Ms Pac Man play cute little tunes, gobble dots and get eaten.

(She helps pay the bills, so all you critics be still!)

Compared to March's party, the April Open House was a different animal altogether. For starters there were twice as many people, and they were ready to party. Aunt Harriet (who is a party) showed up with her entourage. The 'All Girl Band' was ready to entertain. Carol put the girls to work early making hors d'oeuvres. Evon played her guitar, Niela played her guitar, and I played my guitar. Everyone gave their tonsils a workout, and proceeded to have a fantastic evening, one of the best ever at Tiffany.

Although Tiffany does have nice parties, there's a lot more happening than just that. For instance in March Joan and Elinor from 'Total Image' began the first of two beauty

Dee Dee's "All Girl Band" during Tiffany's Spring Open House '83

courses. Elinor is our wig specialist and has been with us for a number of years. Joan is a cosmotologist and model, and a relative newcomer, becoming involved as the beauty consultant at Fan/Fair '82. They are both professionals and together they produced some dramatic results. Everyone was very pleased.

The TS support group had their quarterly meeting the first Saturday in April. The special guests were Dr. Marion Case and the staff from 'The Center For Becoming'. I understand there were about 20 people in attendance, and the meeting was interesting and productive.

The Wives' Support Group had their first meeting in April. The meeting was conducted by Niela Miller, and from what I understand there were 10 or so people in attendance. Since none of us TVs were allowed and none of them were talking, we have no idea what happened. Everybody was saying it was a great meeting but no one was saying why. Take my word for it, it was a great meeting. Of course since no one told me anything I really don't know what I'm talking about. They were pleased. I'm pleased they were pleased. You should be pleased that I'm pleased that they were pleased. Everyone is pleased. Great meeting - I think!

In May Susan Huxford, Director of FACT and GenderServe, stayed with us for a week. There was an impromptu TS meeting, and an on-going series of discussions and debates. Susan is quite a lady, and a very special person. Her visit was definitely the highlight of the month. We all benefitted from and enjoyed her visit.

On a final note, a few of us managed to make it to Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend in May. I have been the last two years and Pat W. the year before that. It has yet to rain. I don't know how Joyce does it. So far this year it has rained on every one of our parties, most of our functions, and we have yet to have a sunny day in P-town. Oh well! We're nice people - but we do get rained on a lot.

Until the Summer issue, take good care, and take the time to smell the flowers.

Love, *Merissa Sherrill Lynn*

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Quoatation: "There are more things in heaven and earth than can be found in a Lane Bryant Catalog!" [anon]

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE

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At the October meeting of the Outreach Board of Directors a program offering Fantasia Weekends in selected parts of the United States was approved.

On March 17th through the 20th, the first Fantasia Weekend was held in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Choosing a site in norther Virginia (near Washington DC) a dynamic program was presented. Participants came from as far as North Carolina and Northern Pennsylvania.

The program included an all day personal grooming session with Make-Up Clinic and discussions about fashion coordinating. There was an experimental workshop on gesturing and comportment. A seminar was presented on sociological aspects of the paraculture. Highlights of the social program included a shopping experience at a fashionable woman's apparel shop in Alexandria, dinner at a fine restaurant, and attendance at a femme impersonator show in Washington DC. As one participant put it, "Coming to the Fantasia Weekend was a major step toward my total self-expression." Another stated that "The value of coming to the program was the beauty and warmth of emotions shared by all of us in helping to clarify and feel more comfortable with the issues of crossdressing.

The second Fantasia Weekend was held May 5th at a resort area in Western Michigan. It is just off Lake Michigan and 131 miles from Chicago. This site was selected in order to attract participants from major centers of the Midwest. People came from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Ohio. Highlights of this program included a Make-up Clinic, Elements of Comportment and Gesturing, and two major siminars, one dealing with Legal Aspects of Cross Dressing and the other concentrating on Various Coping Strategies for Dealing With Cross Dressing Issues in One's Daily Life. The social program included a get acquainted cocktail party and rap session, a Fantasy Fashion Show, a special Femme Impersonator Program and a memorable candle light Banquet.

The entire program took place in a safe and secure environment and allowed participants to share in depth their joys and anxieties about their personal cross dressing experiences. The esprit de corps and warm friendship that developed were phenomenal, considering the short time that participants were all together. "This is without doubt the most meaningful cross dressing experience I have ever had."

In both of these Fantasia Weekends the Institute has learned much about programming needs of new and experienced cross dressers. A common element that emerged from both weekends was the feeling by participants of being comfortable with themselves and gaining more self confidence with the naughty issues of the paraculture.

The Institute has planned two more Fantasia Weekends in California. The first will occur on July 7th through 10th in the city of San Francisco and the second will take place August 4th through the 7th in Laguna Beach (Southern California). Please write to the Institute for details about each of these.

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HALCYON SOCIETY

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Without fail, another winter is about to become history. Where as for many people who talk about getting mid winter blues, I believe the members of Halcyon can boast they had a fairly active time of it despite the cold and snow customary for this time of year. Things started well for us towards the end of January when we finally made the trip to Melrose to visit 'Wardrobes by Carolyn once again. For those of you who have joined us on past excursions know, Carolyn's is a fun place to go and spend an afternoon no two ways of looking at it. This trip was even more enjoyable because we were finally able to fulfill a promise made to Carolyn back in November to treat her to dinner at the Hilltop restaurant in Saugus. Both the dinner and the pleasure of everyone's company was outstanding!! My thanks to all who really made the day a success. Rhonda has special reason for enjoying herself that day. Although for this trip we were all dressed as guys, when taking Ron's order our waitress politely asked "and what whould you like madam?" to everyone's suprise. If she only knew the inside joke.

February also saw members of the Society participating in a panel discussion on alternative lifestyles hosted by the Teachers Association at the Lincoln School in Providence R.I. From reports, Ralph and Rhonda did an excellent job. February also saw the beginning of our first Saturday and third sunday meeting routinge in hopes of attracting more of our friends to party with us. The month also saw the remodeling of our second hand clothing boutique/rumpus room as well as establishing lines of communications with friends and neighbors at CTTV in New Haven and the Northwest Chapter of GGA in Portland Oregon. Not bad for a short month.

Without a doubt the highlight for March was our "Celebrate the Coming of Spring" party. Rhonda did her usually outstanding job of hostin the function and nobody went home hungry! Fine feed Rhonda! It was especially nice to see Carolyn and Liz again down from the Boston area aw was Alberta just back from her Florida trip. Good food, good company, who could ask for more?! Special thanks also go forth to Elaine and Silvia - local Mary Kay representatives - for coming by that day and demonstrating their product line to us.

Starting our THIRD YEAR!

Well friends, some said our concept would never work! A structured leadership was essential for a successful organization and one based on simple membership participation was destined for doom. Take a bow members of Halcyon! The Society is starting its third year simply because and only because of you!

Since our last letter, quite a bit has been happening - members of the Society have been seen literally everywhere from Hartford's XX Club all the way to the Great Wall of China! Closer to home, besides our Hartford trip, we have recently opened a new line of communications with Dignity/Prividence, Inc., an organization of Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their friends. Rhonda and I attended their May 1st meeting and were very much impressed with their operations. The prevalent theme throughout the afternoon meeting was "the basic value of the individual - regardless of the alter lifestyle. Actually, call it whatever you like, XX Club, or Tiffany, Dignity or even Halcyon for that matter, we do all run a very close parallel and slowly the word is getting out - no one really has to be alone anymore!

As is customary with any anniversary, a party is usually in order and party we did on the seventh of May with eighteen of our friends filling Betsy's home. Besides our regulars, it was very nice to see Cynthia and Sonja down from New York, Barbara, Sue and Lisa repre-

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senting the XX Club, and Ron and Michael from Dignity all enjoying themselves.

So ... that about wraps up yet another month for us. Till when next we meet, do take care and as always ... Enjoy!

- Janet

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HARRIET LANE'S TV SET

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"Aunt" Harriet Lane, Director, Harriet Lane's TV Set May, '83.

January parties were normal & Valentine's Day was the day after the big storm so we had a light crowd.

The weekend of the 18th of February was very interesting. Debbie, Mary, Gail, Margo and I made the 2 hour trip to the Club Allure. We really found the place very pleasant and the TVs absolutely adorable. These girls are from the island towns and know how to have fun. It felt marvelous to dress in my femme attire and not have to worry about preparing food, party supplies, etc. It was my turn to howl and DID I WAIL!!!!!

An Saturday Rusty and I attended a wedding and reception, then drove up to Boston to the Tiffany Club for their delightful Valentine's party. We then met up with Joe and Carol, who are from Northwestern MA. who invited us to spend the rest of the weekend with them. We did and HAD A BALL!!.

Now a very sad note.....

The Evergreen Cafe, owned by my very dear friends Shirley & Joan, has closed as of March 1, 1983. These lovely ladies catered to gay women and to our TV scene. We were accepted and treated royally whether dressed 'straight'

Margo: Makeup artist, Professional Female impersonator, resident 'Harriet Lane's TV Set'.

or in 'drag'.in the years we visited their beautiful disco club. We will miss the Evergreen Cafe.

Spring...

Spring and summer here already? My goodness, how time files. You never realize it until you look in the mirror and see another wrinkle on your face or another bulge around your waistline. Old mother time knows how to destroy that which is more precious to our female looks than money. Oh well, just more spackle for the face and a tighter girdle. There is a lot of news, both good & bad. I'll start with the bad news first and end with the good news so you'll be smiling when you finish this letter.

The bad news is that we had a really bad fire in our playroom in the cellar which totaled everything below and smoke damaged the whole house. It was caused by our cat which was playing with a lamp and knocked it down into a chair which caught fire when no one was home. Luckily, Danielle came home and discovered it and called the fire department. The damage is over $30,000 but luckily it is covered by insurance and is being rebuilt bigger and better than before. It should be ready in time for our big wedding on June 18. Originally, the wedding was to be on June 11 but because of the fire, we moved it ahead one week. On the Party Nite, we plan a shower, and hope you will atted & bring a small gift along. Your kindness is a blessing on this marriage of our TV sister to a beautiful and understanding lady. We wish them all the happiness and luck in life that can be achieved by two wonderful people. It makes me very happy that they met here at the club and through my efforts. I dearly love them both and my heart goes with them. Let's

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all try and attend both the wedding and shower to give them a great sendoff in the TV life. They attend our parties regularly and will in the future.

You are all a bunch of wonderful folks who bring a little happiness into my life!

Your sister, Harriet Lane

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ALBANY TVIC

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(Edited from the TVIC Journal)

March:

We had a nice little turn out last night. There was 14 members in all with 3 wives.

The meal for the girls was baked ham - mashed potatoes & gravy - green bean casserole - peas - corn - cole slaw - hot rolls - butter - cake & coffee.

Pam here for the first time brought a delicious cheese cake that she had made herself.

It was an easy planned meal for both Wilma and I were sick for over a week. We are still not ourselves yet, but thanks God that everything went along fine.

You know when you do not feel good you do not really know whether to cancel a party or not. As some of the girls really look forward to this one weekend a month to dress and be with the other girls. The girls kept up a steady stream of conversation about all topics, most of them left by 12:30 so it wasn't too bad.

May:

It was a pleasant night last night, small but pleasant. The talk around the bar was a little of everything, how the girls got to know about our group here in Albany. It's strange how some of the girls right around here in Albany found out about our group from people far away.

I know it is hard for some of the girls to come to all our meetings, but I do hope that they are able to go to some of the other groups closer to their home. I know a lot of our girls go to Tiffany's in Boston and I am glad as it gives them the opportunity to find out how the other clubs run. It is also a chance for them to meet with others who do not make our meetings but are also members here.

The meal for the girls last night was - baked ham, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, creamed cauliflower, green bean casserole, applesauce, rolls, cake and coffee.

Next month will be the last meeting as we take July and August for our own summer vacation.

May God bless you all and keep you in happy spirits.

Love to all, Helen

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PHI CHAPTER, GGA

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February 26, 1983

Today's meeting may well prove to have been the 'hi-lite' meeting of the year.

The weather was chilly, but clear. There were 20 persons present to welcome and listen to our esteemed guest Ms Ariadne Kane of the Outreach Institute from Boston.

Ms Kane brought with her two video tapes: the first, a tape of the Provincetown meeting of this past October. The producers of this tape caught most of the highlights of the Fantasia Fair.

There was a section dealing with the simplest and common of topics: walking, sitting and eating, to those dealing with professional modeling classes. The tape showed a total learning experience - interwoven with social, practical and educational aspects. It explored many of our common fantasies. It showed how we can support and help each other. After all, it really is a challenge to being treated as a woman in the many new and different situations common to the daily life of a woman.

The second tape was a "fun" tape... It showed the "Fantasia Follies" in all their glory.

Betty Ann from Virginia, was the Mistress of Ceremonies and did a truly professional job!! Evita of Argentina was represented by her twin sister our own Michelle, who literally stole the show!!

All in all, we enjoyed the presentation tremendously! - Words alone can hardly express our appreciations to Ms Kane for her presentation of these events on this occasion.

March 26, 1983

The meeting tonight was a 'breather'. That is, tonight for the first time this year we had enough seats for those of us who made Collingswood our destination.

Usually, 'musical chairs' is the name of the game at our meetings. Tonight though, thanks to the other cross-dresser meetings and events, we had room to breathe, room to move, and chairs to spare.

And, despite the relatively few persons present - ten (10) in all - there were were three new-comers!! The Phi Chapter is still growning.

April 23, 1983

Tonight's meeting was again a very quiet affair, with some fifteen of us present.

We passed around the minutes for the past four months, discussed them briefly and decided to wait until Michelle was able to guide us in any decisions in these areas.

As usual we enjoyed each other's company until"pumpkin-time"..

Judy Ann

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SUCCESS CHAPTER, GGA

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(Edited from 'The Taste of Success')

February 26th

The dinner meeting this month was held at the home of Susan & Shirley A... We all started the evening getting to know everyone & for some, getting re-aquainted.

We all enjoyed a delicious steak supper with all of the trimmings, prepared by Shirley. As if that was not enough, afterwards, Shirley brought out a german chocolate cake for dessert.

We all enjoyed the company of two new ladies, Alberta and Laurie. We would also like to add that both of these lovely ladies are also members of that very very fine Tiffany Chapter. So in that respect we were very lucky. We are honored that these two ladies could be with us and we hope that they will grace more of our meetings.

After dessert we held a discussion on whether or not to hold the meetings every month instead of every other month as we now do. It was decided that we would try it for a while.

March 26th

We regret that so many of you did not make this meeting. You could have had one very enjoyable day. First of all you could have taken in "Chasco Fiesta", complete with lots of bands, floats, clowns, etc. Next you could have taken in the world's largest beef barbecue, or if you wanted to, you could have taken in the "carnival" on Rte 19. All of this could have been yours before the meeting. But wait, that's only a start.

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At the meeting you could have met some of your old friends, and some new ones as well, plus a most delightful time after the meeting was over.

The dinner was held at the 'Holiday Inn', and was very well done. The service by our waitress was also very good.

After the meeting everyone went back to Shirley & Susan's house for some snacks and drinks. Then the friendships began to take on a good sign: There was a wig swapping between Pam and Alice, and an intense rap session which everyone more or less felt was a good thing to continue at our next meeting.

April 30th

Well the April meeting has come and gone and it was really a good one. We had a good turn out, a perfect meal, and a worthwhile meeting.

First of all the girls started arriving at Susan's house, which by the way is where the meeting was held.

We had a very very super mouth watering supper fixed by our very wonderful Shirley. The meal started off with some very tasty chicken cordon bleu, followed with mouth watering roast of beef cooked in beer and onions, au gratin potatoes, green beans with onion rings, baked bread crumb topping, fruit with cool whip and marshmallows, onion bread, banana bread, tea, coffee and soft drinks. All of this was topped off with a very large birthday cake and ice cream (for Garry who is 22 and holding). Now, after reading about that meal we hope you are stuffed as the girls sure felt that way.

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PARADISE CLUB

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March

Our premiere meeting of 1983 offered a number of firsts for Paradise and our members. The largest attendance ever, forty four people included fourteen new members and three guests. This influx of new members is due primarily to the appearance of Elaine on the Dave Patterson Show. How appropriate then, was our main feature, the video replay of that show for our meeting.

On March 19, the first Paradise social was held at Renee Kessel's home. It was, by all standards an unqualified success.

Twenty people attended, including Julia,a Mary Kay representative who came not to sell but to share her knowledge of cosmetics and their application.

Julia has shown herself to be very knowledgable with make-up and most sympathetic to our special needs.

It would not be fair to omit mention of the contribution of Chris, who prepared the refreshments for the evening. Several cheeses, hors d' oeuvres and other munchies, arranged in a most appetizing spread makes us wonder why we have an outside caterer for our meetings. Thanks, Chris, for a super job.

Kudos to Renee, who conceived the idea and made it happen.

May:

A record crowd of 48 members, wives and their guests viewed the first annual Miss Paradise Contest, held at the regular meeting of April 18th.

Despite some difficulties caused by lack of rehersal time and some delays in getting the sound system and spotlight working, the audience buzzed with anticipation when Renee appeared and powdered the dance floor. Shortly thereafter, a stunning Melissa Ross, well known FI entertainer in the Cleveland area, was introduced as MC for the evening. Melissa quickly established a great rapport with the audience and her great performances between events provided a perfect "bridge".

The first event was Evening Gown. Elaine wore a floor length green-jacketed outfit. Sandy Allen appeared in a grey jacket-skirt ensemble, set off with a sequined top. Jacki Wells' entry was a black sequined strapless gown and Kathy O'Connor wore a very 'springy' floor length yellow silk & chiffon gown.

The Talent Competition was next. Elaine presented an original poem patterned after the Gilbert & Sullivan "Modern Major General" song from The Pirates of Penzance. Sandy Allen Lipsynched to Nancy Wilson's "Ten Good Years". Jacki titilated our senses from a multi-layered black outfit. Kathy chose to be "Physical", demonstrating her fitness with the help of Olivia Newton-John.

The Fantasy section was just too much for Renee who appeared in leather from neck to toe.

Elaine appeared in a male suit, in a sort of Victor/Victoria role. Sandy sang and danced while garbed as a little girl. Again in black, Jacki strolled on as a playboy bunny (her tail, of course, was white). Kathy skipped in, replete with an authentic conucopia of Girl Scout paraphernalia, cookies included (of course, the judges got theirs).

For the final event, the four contestants returned in evening gown and answered TV related questions.

Finally, it was left to the judges to make a choice. The arbiters of the contest were Ms Dee and Kelly Andrews (FI entertainers from Cleveland) and Jessica Keener, a leading light from the TTS Club in Phoenix. Norma, the wife of Ann Marie, was scorekeeper and assured an accurate tally of the points.

When the numbers were counted, Sandy Allen found herself with a near sweep of the awards, taking best evening gown and talent as well as Miss Paradise itself. Kathy's troop will doubtless be happy to hear of her best fantasy award.

The awards themselves are four engraved silver goblets. Miss Paradise also received a sash, tiara and flowers.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and a survey passed around by Cheryl revealed an overwhelming "do it again" response.

Special thanks and credit must be given to our judges and scorekeeper, to Melissa Ross, to John Burns who provided the sound system, Vicki on the spotlight, Chris Young and Debbie who were stage managers, Carol Miller and Shelly Thomas who assisted as dressers. Most of all, thanks to Renee who produced the event. Many hours went into the planning and production and this is what made it a success.

Start thinking now about 1984. You could be 'Miss Paradise'.

On Saturday, May 21st our second Social was held at Brenda and Sandy's home. Seventeen gals and wives participated in a lively and nostalgic discussion of the founding and early days of our club.

Norma, Betty and Ellie also offered their perspective of Paradise and the development of the role of wives during the past five years.

Stability and change are two opposite but equally important facets in the success of any organization. Paradise has been fortunate to have had both in equal measure. We spoke of the transition from Julia to Renee; the move from Warren to Lakewood; in short, changes which have enabled our programs and membership to grow

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beyond anyon's wildest dreams.

Special thanks to Brenda and Sandy for sharing their home with us and for preparing such a dazzling spread: shimp and cheese spreads, a number of hors d'oeurves, champagne punch and a strawberry-whip cream cake which caused many diets to be restarted the next day.

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CHI CHAPTER, TRI ESS

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(Edited from 'The Chi Tribune')

February 1983

Our business meeting opened at 9:15.

Naomi announced the "Outreach" Weekend, for the weekend of May 5th thru the 8th.

Concern by the membership was expressed over the concuding remarks of the results of the Tri Ess Questionnair, as reported in the last issue of the Femme Mirror, particularly regarding the condemnation of other practices or lifestyles by the national organization. It was pointed out that in the past our organization has held a neutral attitude, neither approving nor condemning, and our members questioned whether this was intended to indicate a formal change in national policy. Chi Chapter has maintained a neutral attitude, and a spirit of cooperation, with the Gay Community and has worked with various groups in our mutual interests whenever that cooperation was not in violation of any of the basic precepts of our own organization; a formal change of policy would disrupt a number of years of establishing the credibility of Chi Chapter, in the Metropolitan Chicago area, as a reasonable and realistic group. Further discussion was tabled, pending clarification by the national organization as to 'Policy'.

Following the meeting Kathy prepared and served barbecue and assorted fruit dips.

February/March

Wow, this was one of the best-attended meetings we have had since we began keeping records back in 1974! We were almost overwhelmed.

Mary Ann opened the meeting @ 9:00 with a word of welcome to all those present. Mary Ann presented the 'draft' copy of our proposed Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, and a copy was given to each member present. Over the years, we have had requests from both members and potential members for such a document, but we didn't have anything. Although we are essentially a 'social' organization, we felt it was time to put something in writing.

At the end of the meeting, Joy gave us an 'official' welcome to their home, and told us that they were glad we came, and looked forward to having another Chapter meeting in the near future. Really, it's the Chapter who should be thanking our Hostesses, and we do! We really enjoyed ourselves meeting in a home, rather than a motel, the refreshments were wonderful, and we definitely hope that we are invited back again.

April

Well, Wonder of Wonders, we did it again! Since we began keeping meeting attendance back in 1974, we again broke our Chapter 'record' with a total attendance of 43 at our March meeting.

Our monthly business meeting began with a warm welcome by President Mary Ann to those present, and a special introduction to our visitors and guests.

The regular order of business was set aside for the election of Chapter officers for the ensuing fiscal year.

The elected Chapter officers are: President - Mary Ann, Vice President - Deanna, Secretary/Treasurer - Donna.

Upon resumption of the regular order of business, Donna reported that Carol Beecroft received a copy of our proposed Chapter "Constitution and By-Laws", and that Carol indicated that the National organization was in the process of incorporating as a non-profit organization. Carol recommended that Chi Chapter delay action on this matter until the national organization documents were complete.

Three special guests at our March meeting were June, Judy, and Dawn. Dawn and June have their own business 'Cosmetic Connection'. Dawn does sculptured nails and manicures, and June is a cosmetologist and has available the line of "On Stage" cosmetics.

We were also pleased to have Charlotte and Allen with us as guests for our March meeting. They do general "Sexual Concerns" counseling, teach Sexual dysfunction/dysphoria/orientation courses at their respective colleges, and regularly conduct/participate in seminars on those subjects. While their meeting with us was purely social, they indicate they may be willing to come back at another time and lead us in some discussions. Charlotte also advised that she is interested in starting a small discussion group for persons who would like to explore the issues of cross-dressing in more depth. Those who might be seriously interested can contact Naomi O. at Outreach, box 34, 17 N. State St. (rm 1222) Chicago, IL 60602.

May

Our President, Mary Ann, opened the meeting by greeting those in attendance. Although our total attendance was down from last month, we really couldn't complain too much since it would be too much to expect a "record" group each and every month.

Mary Ann told us about a radio program which may be of interest to those in the Chicago area: "Getting Personal II," at 10:30 P.M. on Sundays, 101 FM. This is a call-in type show, dealing with general sexual questions/problems.

A REMINDER: In accordance with CHI Chapter practice and custom, guests are always welcome at our monthly meetings or other activities. In general, the term "guest" includes wives, girlfriends, immediate relatives, or professional persons; occasionally, for a specific reason (and with advance announcement and approval of the general membership), non-member TVs may also be invited as a guest. However, the guest privilege has been somewhat abused in the recent past, and a "reminder" is necessary: Anyone who wishes to have a guest at a CHI Chapter meeting or activity must obtain advance permission from one elected Chapter Officer before the day of the meeting or activity! If the proposed guest is a TV, approval for the visit must be obtained from the membership at a Chapter meeting before the proposed visit. These limitations are necessary to guarantee the security and privacy of our membership, and will be strictly observed in the future. Failure to abide by advance notification/approval requirements may cause your guest to be turned away! Your cooperation is requested, for our mutual good!

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WITV (UPPER MIDWEST) NETWORK

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(Edited from the TV Times)

What's that? WITV Network? Yes, it had to happen sooner or later. We've made a slight adjustment in our organization's name after a near run-in with the other Wisconsin TV Network (a Madison-based chain of ABC affiliated television stations).

Other changes this issue? No more apologies about the directory project-- it's done! Now called the 'Crossdresser's Guide to the Upper Midwest, it's being put into the mail at the same time as this issue of the Times. Yay! It's got 79 listings and I'm pretty happy with it -- hope you'll find it worth the wait.

Madison's first telephone helpline for crossdressers is now in operation, thanks to a cooperative Madison Gay Center and to our own persistent WITV Network member, Dijan. Callers who leave their name and phone number will have their calls returned by Dijan. Calls are accepted Monday thru Friday between 7:00 and 10:00 pm and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. The helpline # is 608-257-7575.

The 1983 TV Network membership survey (included in the last issue) has been something of a bust (so to speak), thus far. Only 10 members out of 92 managed to return their questionnaire. It's impossible to draw reliable conclusions from so few responses, but some interesting things have been revealed. For instance it looks like we've got the makings of a TV Network Steering Committee, and some of these folks are willing to assume part of the work required to keep the TV Network funcioning. Concerning our clubhouse, there's no great groundswell of interest right now, but some potential for working toward developing the clientele.

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MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY

P.O. Box 3062, Boulder CO 80307

(Edited from 'M.R.S.')

February

The last six weeks has brought us six new members. If this keeps up, we'll have to rent Mile-Hi Stadium for our meetings.

Our last meeting was held at Jamie's house. Our hostess went out of her way with the food and most members has to be pryed out of the kitchen to attend the meeting. Our new members, Elaine and Phyllis, came up from Colorado Springs for the first time. The meeting deviated from our first Friday of the month format to set up the social activities for the month of February. The next meeting will be the first Friday in March.

Our Valentines Day Dinner had quite a turnout, 15 in all. We went to the Den for our dinner. We were delighted to have Kim from Wichita, one of our first members, come in for the weekend - missed dinner but made up for it later. The food was great and the two specials, Filet Mignon and Seafood, got quite a workout. To commemorate the occasion, wood roses were passed out to our members to be enjoyed that evening and in the future.

Our wives group has been officially started. The meeting is being held every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm with Dale heading the group. There are a total of 9 wives presently attending. If anyone is interested, please write c/o Box 3062, Boulder CO 80307 and Dale will be in touch.

April

The last two meetings were held at Jamie's. The food and friendship as usual were excellent. Many items were discussed and naturally our future events. Again feedback from the entire membership is needed to get some ideas on the type of events you look forward to. If you have any ideas for functions get in touch with the social committee to have them scheduled. The warm weather is coming up and along with it the opportunity for many outside functions.

Celebrity Turnout - They were all there, Sonny and Cher, a famous female comedy act, Dolly Parton, Linda Gerard, Billy Joel, and the group Berlin with their hit single 'Sex'. The occasion was the 'First Mountain Rose Society's April Follies'. Gloria and wife Pat hosted the affair with one hitch, Gloria was called out of town at the last minute on business. Pat carried on in fine style and our thanks go out to her for coming through. Gloria called during the show to express her regrets for not being there for what could have been the best function yet. But all is not lost, the nights activities have been preserved on video tape thanks to Sabrina. The show will be reviewed at the next meeting to be held at Sabrina's house Friday May 6th. It was a big job putting it all together but very worthwhile as everone there will agree. It went over so well that as we all enjoyed brunch at the Den on the Sunday Morning following the Follies there was already talk of having a similar event sometime in the Fall.

Day Time Group - Tommye Kelly is starting a daytime group for people who are unable to make night time meetings for one reason or another. Details at this time are not available but feel free to get in touch with either her or I for details.

- Kim Shreiber

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C.H.I.C.

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(Edited from 'C.H.I.C. Clippings')

February

1983 will be a year of change. Expect to see some very exciting meetings in the months to come. The speakers bureau will be expanded and the 'Open House' will be changed. We are also going to try to expand our membership to an all-time high.

Our election went off as scheduled. Congratulations are in order for our new President Joann Hansen, and to Vice President Joyce Andrews, and Secretary/Treasurer Irene Ellis.

Barbara Fran will continue to handle the Information/Help line as well as the Speakers Bureau in the same outstanding manner she has.

Our second meeting was held at Beverly's lovely home, and was very successful. Home parties seem to bring out many more members and this was no exception. It was good to see everyone again.

March

We are formalizing a format for speakers attending classes and will require a report from both the speaker and the instructer. Six classes are scheduled.

Last month's party was held at Fran's beautiful home. Before the rain clouds moved in for the night we were treated to one of the loveliest views of Los Angeles that I have seen. The view through the trees to the city lights below is breath taking.

The turnout was very good as it usually is at home parties and we were able to see some members and guests that we haven't seen for a while.

There was food and goodies aplenty. When I saw the table full of calories I again threw my diet out the window.

April

I'm afraid I sound like a broken record every time I say anything about ----- & ----'s, but our get-to-gether in March was again a huge

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success. The dinner was great, the entertainment was very enjoyable and the company was beautiful. What more can I say but we had a fantastic time!!!

May

Our membership is growing slowly but surely. To date we have a total of 57 CHIC regular members.

April's gathering at Cris & Sue's turned out to be quite a success. Although the selection was limited, the quality was good and the price was right. It must have been because Joann left with 6 new pairs of shoes. Thanks to Karen for arranging the night and to Cris and Sue for having us.

- Joyce Andrews

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NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE, PORTLAND

P.O. Box 13173, Portland, OR 97213

March

Our last outing held at ---'s Bar and Grill was really significant in two ways. First, we found four new sisters to join us, two from the Gem State of Idaho, and two local Oregonians who felt as if they should let their feminine self show and indulge the gal within. Second, we found a new restaurant - cocktail lounge that really made us feel welcome. The owners were very pleased to have us as customers, and they were quite insistent that we return anytime we wished to do so. The latter part of the evening, spent at the Other Side of Midnight, was nice also. We were very welcome there to watch the final episode of MASH and enjoy their company for the balance of the evening. I believe in the past year our local group of girls have done much to improve the image of our sub-culture and really enjoy some fun evenings out too.

Girls, our group is alive and well, and growing by leaps and bounds. Due to our exchange of letters with other groups of sisters, we have been receiving requests for membership from all over the country. We have also been invited to attend other functions in the country for any of us who may be traveling to other areas for vacation or business reasons. Let us know if you will be in those other areas. We can give you some contacts from sisters who would welcome you at their gatherings.

April

Our April 8th clothes swap party, held at Olivia and Myra's home was atteded by a large number of our girls and especially pleasing was our out of town girls Dorothy from B.C., Judy from Idaho, Wendy from Seattle and a new member Riesa and her spouse from Klamath Falls. Olivia and Myra were wonderful hostesses and opening their home up to us all was greatly appreciated.

We held a brief meeting of the general membership and all present indicated the chapter is operating satisfactorily and fulfilling their needs with the present format of monthly socials/ outings/speakers/ newsletter and our acceptable business referral list.

May

Not all of our sorority chapter was present at our May 15th celebration party, but you sure couldn't tell it from the large crowd gathered at our motel that day. Eighteen members and spouses attended to celebrate Carol's 10th year closet emergence party.

Everyone certainly wishes to thank Carol for all the wonderful refreshments she supplied for her own party and for letting us all help her celebrate her important day.

After partaking of many good snacks and wine, all went to the ----Inn for dinner. As usual their warm hospitality towards us, their excellent food and impeccable service prevailed. We are wilcome at many restaurants but few seem so anxious to offer us the freedom to express ourselves with such dignity as the ---- Inn's staff. Three cheers for ----'s! This exposure in a public place does much to enhance our image with the "straight" public as a group of respectable ladies and human beings.

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NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE, SEATTLE

c/o P.O. Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

March

As you know, we had a lovely dinner party in February. Some of the Portland ladies also attended who we were delighted to see and we all enjoyed each others' company.

It is not necessary here to belabor the preparitory work that went into it which was considerable but one of the major stumbling blocks is simply to get the word out to everyone, - letters - phone calls - personal invitations - it's a job!

April

A gathering of the group including dinner and cocktails was held Tuesday night. Sandy was late. She was held up on the K-Mart grease rack. Mumbled something about a leak in her oil pan. She is the only one we know with nerve enough to have a leak in K-Mart.

Monica was divine in a lovely new dress which she wore specially for the occasion. It was red, a glorious shade, rather deep in color - difficult to describe - rather like a center cut of a medium prime rib. Maybe that's not the way Gloria Venderbilt would describe it, but whatever it was, it was the color of raw liver - close, but not quite. In any event the color was not the attraction. The slit was. Monica is quite tall, you know, statuesque with legs extending all the way to the floor. Good thing they are attractive legs - the slit extended to her armpit.

Wendy, tasteful as always, wore a pretty off-white dress with subtle black stripes. But something busted somewhere, a seam or something, and she was frantic for a safety pin but none were to be found; the only option being an eight penny nail and a wire coat hanger. Must have worked - nobody noticed anything hanging loose.

How can one insult Marsha? Always seren and composed, well groomed as she was in blue with pretty ruffles being kept awake by a surly gentleman seated across from her resplendant in a rumpled three-piece suit the trousers of which had egg from an egg MacMuffin, which explained why he wasn't hungry.

One cannot be too critical. Despite the egg his suit was really quite lovely, second in fashion only to Frank perhaps who arrived on his Yamaha in a motorcycle suit. Frank had his milliner do up the helmet but some of the snobbish ladies thought the buffalo horns were a little over-stated.

Barry, the manager, came to visit our little party and was most hospitable. He explained that the red snapper was going well and many of the girls were enjoying it - except for Sandy who was quite upset at Linnette for having spilled some, complete with tartar sauce, on her pretty black hose, down her shin into her red pumps.

All for now! Keep cheery! If you feel blue, call up one of us and chat a while!

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(Edited from 'THE GARTER PRESS')

We have a new name for our newsletter. We hope that you like it. This is a direct result of our recent election of a new Editorice. We are looking forward to a more relaxed journal with several new cloumns. We think this will make for a more readable paper and one that you can pass around.

We also have expanded our meetings to twice a month. There are several arton same in this journal. Our purpose with the second meeting is to bring a more serious side to our proceedings which has been missing in the continuing Thursday meetings. We started with a special quest in May and will repeat this again in September. We hope that out-of-town members can now plan to attend and participate more. These meetings will take place on the second Saturday of every month except during the summer.

Since it will soon be summer, several of our members will be travelling throughout the USA. Several TVs from the USA will be coming here. We will try to help put people in contact if enough notice is given.

- David Cassidy

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NON—FICTION

Fantasia Weekends Held In Metro Washington DC and Mid West

by A. Kane

Fantasia Fair is a living learning experience for crossdressers and transsexuals. It is held for nine days each year in Provincetown Massachusetts. On October 14-23rd we will have our 9th annual Fair.

Fantasia Fair has been a tremendous success but there are many crossdressers who are unable to take advantage of a full 9 day experience. In response to a large number of requests we have organized and sponsored four FANTASIA WEEKENDS in selected major centers in the United States. These can be considered a condensed version of FANTASIA FAIR. The first two of these programs have taken place.

On March 17-20 the First FANTASIA WEEKEND was held in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Choosing a well appointed modern locale in Suburban Washington DC, we attracted participants from as far as North Carolina and northern Pennsylvania as well as metropolitan Washington DC. Highlights of the program included an All Day Personal Grooming session facilitated by our veteren consultant of the Fan/Fair Beauty Program, Ms Paula N., a special seminar on Comportment and Femme gestures facilitated by Ms Niela M. and Sociological Aspects seminar conducted by Ms Betty Ann L. and Ariadne K. The social program included a shopping experience at a fashionable woman's apparel shop in Alexandria, dinner at a fine restaurant and attendance at a femme impersonator show in Washington DC. The emphasis of the program was on gaining more self confidence as a femme and learning more about the issues that confront the crossdresser who wants some personal growth and is emerging from the 'closet'.

As one participant put it, "Coming to the FANTASIA WEEKEND was a major step toward my total self-expression." Another stated that, "The value of coming to the WEEKEND was the beauty and warmth of emotions shared by all of us in helping to clarify and feel more comfortable with the issues of crossdressing."

The second FANTASIA WEEKEND was held May 5-8, at a resort area along the shore of Lake Michigan (131 miles from Chicago). This site was selected in order to attract participants from major centers in the Midwest. People came from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Highlights of this program included a make-up clinic, facilitated by June D., a representative of a well known line of cosmetics products. Elements of modeling and femme comportment were done by Ms Carol E., a professional model who has worked with many crossdressers and conducted two major seminars. The legal aspects seminar was conducted by a panel of three prominent lawyers, Ms Naomi O., Ms Janna P., and Mr. David M., all from Chicago. It provided a good overview of the legal rights of crossdressers as well as several strategies in dealing with sticky legal situations. The Seminar facilitated by Ms Meral C., a sex educator and professional counselor to many crossdressers, dealt with coping strategies and tools for handleing various issues of concern to the crossdresser. Lively discussion and sharing of personal experiences were the hallmark of these seminars.

The social program incuded a get-acquainted cocktail party and intense rap session. It also included a fantasy fashion show and a special femme impersonator program. The final evening of the WEEKEND was capped by a memorable Candlelight Banquet where gift momentos of the Program were given to each participant.

The entire program took place in a safe and secure environment and allowed all participants to share in depth their joys and anxieties about their crossdressing experiences. The warm pleasant atmosphere was in part due to our hosts at the Resort and their friendly staff. Congratulations to Ms Naomi O. for serving as the regional Coordinator of this FANTASIA WEEKEND. The esprit de corps of the participants and the warm friendships that developed were phenomenal, considering the short time that all were together. "This is my first experience with meeting other crossdressers and learning some practical and educational aspects of my thing" said one weekender. Another said, "This is without doubt the most meaningful crossdressing experience I have ever had."

In both of these FANTASIA WEEKENDS the Institute has learned much about the programming needs of new and experienced crossdressers. A common element that emerged from both weekends was the feeling by participants of being more comfortable with themselves and gaining more self confidence with the knotty issues of the paraculture.

The Institute has planned two more FANTASIA WEEKENDS in California. The first will occur on July 7-10 in the city of San Francisco and the second will take place August 4-7 in Laguna Beach (Southern California). If you are interested in details about these programs please write to the Institute.

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*(****Editor's note: "Definitions" is a sticky topic, especially since no one can seem to agree what anything means. This article may seem more like 'opinion' than established fact, and subject to debate. Comments, rebuttals, and other articles are more than welcome!)*

DEFINITIONS

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Before I start, let me say I am not a big believer in categories. The definitions of categories seem to be a matter of popular opinion, always in a state of flux, constantly changing, old categories dying or being re-defined, and new

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[Photo by Mariette Pathy Allen]

categories being born. Categories are intended to define phenomena, not people, yet people constantly if not desperately search for a category with which to identify. People in search of an identity are often lost, and terribly confused. These unhappy souls grope in a categorical limbo, an identity twilight zone with no real answers. Then, if they do pick a category with which to identify, they tend to structure what they think, what they say, and what they do according to what they think they are supposed to think, say or do in order to 'be' the category with which they have chosen to identify. They are more lost than ever. Again, categories define phenomena, not people. I really do dislike categories.

With that in mind, let's define a few categories.

I tend to define categories in terms of what is most workable, and most easily understood - in other words, I prefer to use good common sense and skip the clinical definitions. (Stronger explitives could be used, but not in this article.)

Categories themselves seem to fall into two categories, those that are directly related to the 'TV-TS Community' ('Paraculture if you prefer) and those that are indirectly related. Let's start with those terms that are indirectly related:

BIOLOGY and PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY: I don't think it's necessary for me to give definitions of these terms, but it is practical to talk about how they relate to the TV/TS Community. Biology is a life science, concerned with what our body is, and how it works. Psychology and sociology are more concerned with what we think, how we feel, how we act, how we dress, and why. This is a very important distinction, especially when it comes to sex and gender related issues.

SEX and GENDER: Sex (male or female) and gender function are subjects for biology. Gender (masculine and feminine) are more a matter of psychology, social definition, and language. This distinction is very important because of the difficulty many people have distinguishing between sex , and how one acts, thinks, feels, or chooses to express himself. Sex and gender may compliment one another, but are not the same thing.

MALE and FEMALE: Male and female are biological terms, identified by various biological criteria such as sex, chromosomes, ability to impregnate, or gestate-lactate-menstruate etc. Male and female are matters of biological fact.

MASCULINE and FEMININE: 'Masculine and 'feminine' are gender terms. They are value judgments, words used to identify and qualify qualities of nature. In other words, what is masculine or feminine is strictly a matter of prevailing opinion, subject to change, and not a matter of biological fact.

MAN and WOMAN: 'Man' and 'woman' are defined both in biological and psycho/sociological terms. The biological definition (man = adult male, woman = adult female) is a matter of biological fact, but doesn't say much about a person's identity, feelings or lifestyle. In other words, the biological definition of 'male' and 'female' may be perfectly correct, but not very relevant. On the other hand, a persons's identity, how he thinks and feels, whether or not he considers himself to be a 'man' or a 'woman', may have very little to do with actually being 'male' or 'female'. Since a person's 'gender identity' carries more power, is more relevant than 'sexual identity', it is more practical to think of what constitutes a man or a woman in gender terms rather than sexual.

HETEROSEXUAL, BISEXUAL and HOMOSEXUAL: These terms define sexual activity, and not people. For practical purposes it is less incorrect to think of people as 'multisexual' rather than being 'heterosexual', 'bisexual' or 'homosexual' (or even 'ambisixual'). This is why. Human beings are also animals. Animals are capable of a sexual response. Being human, people are capable of abstracting or embroidering what triggers that sexual response. In other words, people have the potential to be 'turned on' by, and perform sexually with virtually anyone, anything, anywhere, any time. In short, people are 'multisexual'. It is more practical to not catagorize people according to their prevailing sexual preference, but use the terms 'heterosexual', 'homosexual' and 'bisexual' to describe lifestyles, acts, fantasies, etc.

These sexual categories are being mentioned in this article because of the prevailing public opinion that people who crossdress are 'gay', and the big ado made by crossdressers who insist they aren't. Nither is the case, and the resulting problems such as fear, guilt, rejectiion, etc., are so pointless and dangerous. People have enough problems trying to deal with crossdressing without being handicapped with sexual categories. (Re-read the first paragraph!)

Now let's talk about the terms that are directly related:

TRANSVESTITE/TRANSSEXUAL (TV/TS) COMMUNITY, and PARACULTURE: 'TV/TS Community' is generally understood to include those people who crossdress for whatever purposes. It is meant as an identifiable entity apart from society as a whole.

(There is a movement afoot to replace 'TV/TS Community' with 'CD/TS/AN Community'. There is some validity and I'm sure the term will grow in popularity. However, I still like 'TV/TS Community'. It's easier to say, and it's still readily understood. I see no reason to change it.)

Understanding 'Paraculture' is not so easy. Not even the word's inventures are sure what it means. Some people use 'paraculture' interchangably with 'TV/TS Community', often using the prefix 'para' to imply parallel to or equal to our culture as a whole. Other people use 'paraculture' to mean the 'TV/TS Community' as it spills out into society as a whole engulfing commercial, medical, and professional people (or anyone for that matter) who have an interest in the 'TV/TS Community'. when I am forced (against my will) to use 'paraculture', I generally mean it in the latter sense.

TRANSVESTITE (TV): 'Transvestite' is used to describe a person who wears clothing usually considered appropriate for the opposite sex. 'Transvestism' is a clinical term, a condition (like alcoholism), and often implies compulsive and sexual

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or fetishistic behavior. 'Gender identity', or whether or not a person consideres himself to be a man or a woman, is generally not an issue. Because of this, and because of the negative overtones and the compulsive and sexual implications, most people choose not to identify with the term, whether it's applicable or not. 'Transvestite' is a good term to leave in the text books. 'Crossdresser' is far more useable.

('TV' on the other hand is conveniend shorthand, and readily understood. The trick is to think of a 'TV' as crossdresser and not a transvestite.)

CROSSDRESSER (CD): 'Crossdresser is similar to 'transvestite', men who wear women's clothing, and vice versa. However, 'crossdressing' is not a clinical term. It is an activity, no different than, say, 'skier-skiing'. It includes virtually everyone who crossdresses for whatever reasons, and implies voluntary behavior and not sexual or compulsive behavior. What makes this term popular is its vagueness. It's so meaningless it's useful. It's an activity and not a psychological condition, making it a very easy term with which to live. When a person is looking for a term with which to identify, there is a world of difference between 'transvestite' and 'crossdresser'.

TRANSGENDER (TG): It used to be that a transgenderist was a person who could express himself comfortably in both masculine and feminine terms. It did not carry the compulsive or sexual implications as does the term 'transvestite'. (Another term, 'femmiphile', meaning 'lover of the feminine', gained popularity for basically the same reason). More recently however, the term 'transgenderist' has come more and more to mean a person of one sex living entirely in the gender role generally considered appropriate for the opposite sex. Transgenderists do not consider themselves 'transsexual'.

TRANSSEXUAL (TS): This term is sometimes used to describe a person in transition, working towards sexual reassignment surgery. It is sometimes used to describe a person who has completed their surgery (although 'new man' and 'new woman' are popular). It is more practical to simply use the term to describe someone whose gender identity is totally incompatable with their sex, regardless of whether or not they have taken any steps toward surgery.

DRAG: 'Drag', and 'drag queen' are usually identified with the Gay Community, and with the theater. The terms imply a more theatrical, showy, or high-glamour image. Quite often there are sexual overtones, often as a 'turn-on' for the crossdresser, or to be sexually attractive to others. 'Drag queen' is a working term that lends itself more to the clinical term 'transvestite' than any other.

ANDROGYNE (AN): Recently the term 'androgyne' has gained considerable popularity, although few people can agree as to what it means. Many people use it to replace the old meaning for 'transgenderists' (expressing oneself in both masculine and feminine terms with equal comfort). Others, especially those dealing with transsexuals, consider 'androgyne' to be a male dysphoric (unhappy with one's assigned gender role). Probably the best way to understand 'androgyne' is to think of it as a description of how one feels, of soul, as a spiritual unification, a blending of both masculine and feminine qualities, or as having the emotional and spiritual make-up of both a 'man' and a 'woman'. 'Androgyne' then takes on a much deeper meaning than 'transgenderist' (which is more of a description of the means of expression than how one feels). Crossdressing then becomes merely a tool with which to express one's androgynous nature. 'Androgyne' also implies a sense of harmony, a sense of being at peace with oneself (which can explain why the term has gained such popularity).

Personally, if I must choose a category with which to identify, I choose 'androgyne'. I love the idea of harmony and being at peace with myself. I'm sure sooner or later some intellectual freespirit is going to come along and try to ruin my category and thereby my identity. They can't! I am who I am - nothing more, nothing less. I am at peace with myself.

I need no category!

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WHY IS CHIC?

(Edited from 'CHIC Clippings')

During the business of CHIC and our daily lives we sometimes forget why there is a CHIC to begin with. We sometimes let petty jealousies cloud our function.

CHIC was formed in early 1976 by a group of concerned crossdressers. Its purposes are to:

1.) Help the crossdresser ahd his family cope with his problem.

2.) Provide a source of public information and knowledge on the crossdressing phenomenon.

3.) Seek public acceptance and tolerance of the phenomenon.

one of the most tragic aspects of crossdressing is the loneliness felt by the individuals. CHIC brings us together in an informal social setting and helps the individual accept himself and his crossdressing.

Another advantage is that the newer members are able to learn from the more experienced such techniques as makeup, grooming, clothing styles, and general comportment.

These points I have just covered sound pretty clinical and they are. If we break them down we find that CHIC is in existence to help its members. If we lose sight of this then we might just as well disband the group, or let it splinter into smaller groups who are socially compatible with themselves. If this were to happen then only a handful of our members would have a place to go or people to socialize with.

CHIC has never attempted to be all things to all TVs but it has done a great deal to help its members and to promote better understanding in the community at large. This can only be accomplished by our own members involvement. We have seen long time members drift away and we have seen many of them return a year or so later. Ther is a need in all of us to be accepted by someone. CHIC fills a part of this need.

CHIC can't continue without your involvement. We need the veterans experience and the new ideas of the new members.

If you begin to lose sight of this then remember the help and support you received when you first joined or first came out of the closet.

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*(****Editor's note: The tendancy is for individuals to satisfy their own needs, and to heck with everyone else. They tend to forget that if someone wasn't there to help them satisfy those needs, they would be still searching and still alone. CHIC recognizes that the group exists to serve its members, and it is the obligation of the veteran members to accept the responsibility for fulfilling that purpose. That responsibility is something the veterans of all groups must accept. We applaud CHIC for stating it so clearly.)*

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RHONDA'S RAMBLE

by Rhonda Smith

Queen Rhonda has rambled back to California, singing, "Queen Mary heri I come, right back where I started from." Rumor has it that she couldn't stand Merissa's noisy boggle game. Really though, Rhonda took a lady friend to dinner and told her that the snow could be made to disappear and palm trees appear, and the lady friend wondered how, until Rhonda showed her a ticket to California. What a cure for the 'Common(wealth) Cold'!

Making a beeline from the airport to the Queen Mary, Rhonda's brother was smartly attired in a three piece suit complete with black string tie. Intending to surprise someone, it was quite a surprise to have none other than Clementine walk up shake hands and bid adieu and off on a business trip. As usual he was quite well suited, and if we only had stetsons and six guns we could have held off the gang at the OK Corral by ourselves.

The weekend soon arrived and Miss Rhonda made her debut at the Queen Mary dressed to kill, in a white wool dress, black accessories, blond, and flame glo lipstick. Compliments flowed like honey, with one very richly dressed gentleman telling this girl that she was a sexy classy lady. Then the super queen NIKKO of film and magazine fame asked if Rhonda was living full time as a woman yet! What a wonderful evening.

Back in the social whirl, it was off to 'Peanuts' with the girls. The club is something like Boston's 'Somewheres', except that it has an improptu female impersonator show, with many of the Queen Mary's girls appearing there. Rhonda even went on the dance floor alone, in her black velvet slit sided sheath, to dance to her 'Tainted Love' song, only to have a heavyweight, drug sniffing truck driver female type try to ruin this girl's concentration and enjoyment by trying to dance with me. As usual it din't work, and Rhonda danced on, soon to be joined by the regular patrons.

Once more Rhonda's brother headed for the Queen Mary, incidentally stopping on the way at a bookstore to pick up a copy of 'The Transvestian', with Kay's column in it, but they were out of stock, so it was on to the club. And who should arrive on the scene but Kay G., and Rene Kessel. At first bare recognition - "Are you Kay G.?" Then smiles and a warm hug from Kay. In town for a few days, she wanted to see Rhonda. So next evening Rhonda in blue poly, and irridenscent red/blue false nails complimented Kay G. with her usual glistening fire engine red nails and red satin knicker dress, sort of a 'Rhonda's Ramble' meets 'Kay's Way' affair. The night ended too early with Kay G. having to head for the airport, but we can be certain that Rhonda will be honorably mentioned in Kay's column.

A little postscript here - was that Kim and Nancy S. that Rhonda saw in the Queen Mary, but didn't say hello to?

And who should arrive next, but the lovely entertainer Heather Fontaine, fresh from the Baton Club in Chicago and by way of Texas. She remembered Queen Rhonda from the Queen Mary and seeing her in the Baton, and again it was hugs and kisses. Heather is so friendly and is a real lady, and will be the hit of the show. Of course "The" Sulka showed up one day, a rare occurance these days. The super queens of yesteryear have mostly changed their image. They can still parade a flashy facade, but now look like the girl next door, bringing the thought from Rhonda: "Would you want your brother to marry one?"

On the serious side this correspondent went to a meeting of Salmacis which can only be described as a poor girl's Tiffany, hardly the Hollywood setting. The meeting was rather well attended with a mix of TVs and TSs, and this girl even introduced the prettiest TS to the Tiffany Club. (You may be hearing soon from Stephanie.) Most of the girls had never heard of Tiffany, thinking like Rhonda, that while they make rest in Arruba and relax in Rumania (one did) they would never go to Boston.

At present Rhonda is staying with Heather, the queen mother of the Queen Mary - not to be confused with Heather Fontaine, the performer.

What further adventures can Queen Rhonda anticipate? Going to the 'Four Star Club', where there's yet another female impersonator show? The 'Oxwood' bar? The clubs on Honolulu? A visit from Merissa? Until next time....

XXX's Rhonda

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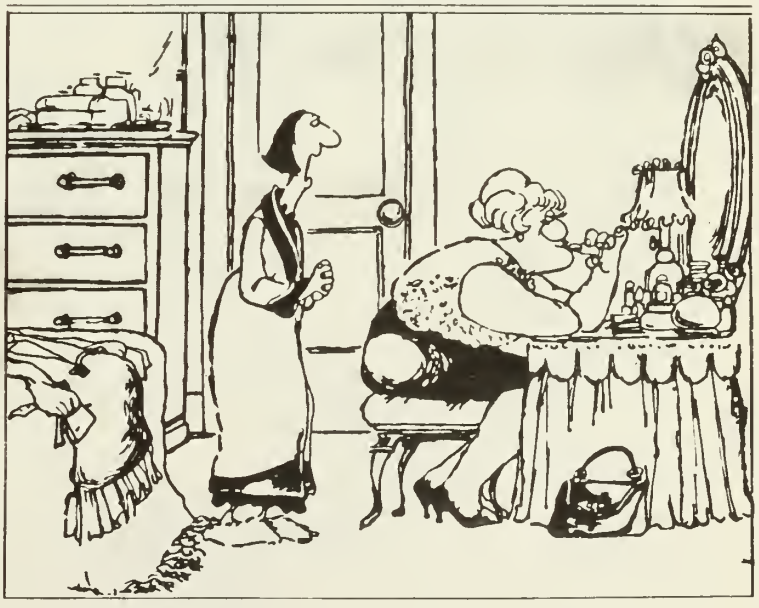

'I know you're with the L.A.P.D., Frank . . . and I know it was your job to infiltrate the D.A.R. . . . but that was six weeks ago, Frank . . . six weeks ago . . .'

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NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT

A comprehensive longitudinal study of crossdressing behaviors is being conducted by Dr. Richard F. Docter, Professor of Psychology at California State University. The study will, hopefully, provide more intensive and thorough examination of certain gender related behavior. It will span gay and heterosexual crossdressing, bi/ genderism, transgender behavior, and pre and post operative transsexualsim. Emphasis will be on data collection across the years of one's life, rather than at a point of a given life history. All participants will be sent intrim progress reports from time to time. An overview of the progress of the study, as well as a quick look at what our respondents throughout the nation are telling us will also be included. Wives or girl friends willing to contribute their views are also invited to participate. If you are interested, write: Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., 17162 Sunburst St., Northridge CA 91325

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A PANEL PRESENTATION ON CROSSDRESSING AND TRANSSEXUALISM was given at a meeting of the regional midwest section of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) on April 16th. On the panel were Naomi O., Eve B., and Karen D. Both Naomi and Eve attended the Fantasia Fair and have been involved with the Outreach Institute for the past two years. Appearing before a packed room of helping professionals each gave a brief personal history and presented their views on cross dressing and transsexual behaviors. Many of the sex educators and therapists were very impressed with the wealth of current information provided as well as the mature professionalism of the panelists. More of these types of programs are needed if we are to further better understanding by helping professionals of this paraculture.

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METAMORPHOSIS

The Metamorphosis Medical and Research Foundation, centered in Toronto Ontario, has been founded with the following aims: to provide research and information on surgical aspects for female to male transsexuals, to counsel gender dysphoric females who are transiting toward being new men, and to serve liaison with gender clinics and professional associations. For details about membership in the association and its benefits contact: Mr. P. Paj, P.O. Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W 1P4

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A RESEARCH PROJECT ON WOMEN who are presently in a relationship with a cross dresser is being done by R. Peo, a doctoral student at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality. All wives and girl friends who are interested in getting involved with this project may contact Mr. Peo, P.O. Box 4887, Poughkeepsie NY 12602

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TV HOSTESSES HIT P-TOWN

Group arrives to formalize arrangements for October 7-10 and 21-23 tours.

Striving to achieve the best possible transvestite social tour, the famous hostesses of the P-town 83/84 TV tour arrived in Provincetown recently. This visit was strictly business, however.

The group, consisting of Lee G. Brewster, Bebe J. Scarpi, Vicky West and newly appointed vice president of Lee's Mardi Gras, Terri Warren, came on a dual purpose.

First, they successfully laid the groundworks for their tour by occupying and visiting several of the better known Provincetown hotels and guest houses. This was done to become acquainted with the varying degrees of quality of the many facilities, so that only the best would be selected. A key criterion was the selection of only heated accommodations. October is at times cool, and this was an important consideration for the comfort of tour participants.

Secondly, the group wanted to get a current "feel" of the Provincetown area and its inhabitants. Bebe Scarpi offered the explanation, "Just as our tour to New Orleans was an integral part of the Mardi Gras celebration, our tour to Provincetown is going to be meshed into the fibre of the whole end of season partying. We are beginning our own celebration of our 15th anniversary, and the October dates coincide with the beginning of our anniversary year. We are excited, and are planning to extend this excitement to the tour and the town. Don't ever forget, tours are our business."

A meeting with the head of the Provincetown Business Guild led to a list of various restaurants, merchandizing establishments, and even beauty parlors which would be glad to work with the tour. Many of these were contacted. and integrated into the tour itinery.

Vicky West commented afterwards, "We fortunately accomplished a lot. Thank goodness we were able to settle the heating question. Many of our tour participants will be wearing nylon, which does tend to lose its erotic nature when the wearer is in an unheated room."

Teri Warren offered gratitude at finding cooperative beauty parlors. The noted hairdesigner added, "TVs don't realize the importance of hairdo's. Besides this frees me to enjoy more of the tour, than just setting wigs."

Lee Brewster also issued a statement reflecting on the success of the trip and adding that any additional local coordinating could easily be handled by Bebe, as she is representing the P-town 83/84 Committee, as a participant on Merissa Sherrill Lynn's Tiffany Club tour to Provincetown in June.

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News Release from:
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NYU REACHES OUT TO LEE'S MARDI GRAS

New York University conducts transvestism seminar at boutique headquarters.

In its continuing effort to provide the best in graduate education for its psychology majors, NYU approached the Lee's Mardi Gras Ent. owner, Lee G. Brewster to conduct a seminar on transvestism. As part of the return by the Mardi Gras Corporation to direct involvement with the

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educational/social aspects of the transvestite community, Lee graciously acquiesced.

This will not be the first time that Lee G. and the staff of the Mardi Gras Boutique participated in an educational series. Both Lee and Vice President Bebe J. Scarpi had been regulars on the college lecture cicuit - Rutgers, Princeton, Ramapo, NJ State College, et al. The transvestism seminar at Rutgers had the highest regular attendance of any workshop given annually there. A crowd of 400 listened attentively at Ramapo. A reviewer labeled speaker Scarpi as being a "really right-on transvestite." For a while, appearances by the Mardi Gras staff were scheduled every two weeks, so great was the interest generated in the transvestite culture.

The lecture series continued until the necessities of daily management of the business caused the staff to concentrate in that area only.

NYU was an old time favorite with the group. Appearances at the University campus dated back to 1970. In 1976 NYU first approached the boutique about a visit to the boutique by a group of classes. This became a customary course requirement by the University, since the lecturers proved to be such accurate and witty authorities on the transvestite/transsexual identity. In fact, so persuasive had the speakers been in their discourses that several members of the class felt compelled to "confess" their own personal involvement with the subject.

Lee Brewster announced that the honorarium, the fee given anyone who does guest lectures in the educational milieu, will be donated for research to find the cure for AIDS. This is being done on behalf of the transvestite community. Lee pointed out that female impersonators Brandy Alexander and Hibiscus had succombed to the disease. A previous honorarium had been donated to the Outreach Foundation, one of whose members appeared at an initial seminar.

Future decture dates are being given consideration. Quote Lee Brewster, "Through our doors come representatives of all aspects of transvestism. We're better than any textbook could ever hope to be."

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News Release from:
WITV NETWORK, P.O. Box 813, Madison WI 53701

NEW GUIDE TELLS WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO DO IN UPPER MIDWEST

Crossdressers looking for now out-of-the-closet experiences in the Upper Midwest should find what they're looking for in a new resource directory published by the Wisconsin-based WITV Network. Called the Crossdresser's Guide to the Upper Midwest, the new directory contains nearly 80 listings of friendly businesses and organizations in the Wisconsin-Minnesota-Iowa-Northern Illinois area (including Chicago).

The new Guide lists friendly places to shop, to dine and to hang out. Friendly cosmetic services and other helping professionals are also listed. The Guide offers a complete listing of crossdressers' social organizations in the 4-state area, as well as a calendar of annual special events and programs of interest to the crossdresser and a direcotry of area establishments that feature female impersonator entertainment.

TV Network Coordinator, Ruthann Moskowitz, says that the idea for the Guide came from her membership. According to Moskowitz, "The questions I heard most often from our members were -- where can I go when I'm dressed? Where can I get help with make-up and hairstyling? Where can I go to do my shopping?

Moskowitz said that she decided to put those questions to some of her most experienced members, and that their responses formed the core of the new Guide. "The first draft of the Guide was a listing of places that I had first-hand experience with," she said. "Then when I opened it up for suggestions from the membership, the size of the Guide doubled and the quality of the information improved too."

The new Guide was nearly a year in the making and one reason that it took so long was the special care taken to screen out businesses and groups that didn't want to be listed. "After the second draft was complete, we contacted each of our listings, explained the purpose and format of the Guide, showed them their proposed listing, and asked for a response," said Moskowitz. "Those folks who didn't want to be listed were dropped," she said, "and those that wanted their listing changed got their wish."

The Guide will be updated quarterly, according to Moskowitz, and republished annually. "Since the Guide hit the streets in April," she said, "I've already heard of several bar and restaurant closings and I've also gotten some suggestions for new listings."

The Crossdresser's Guide to the Upper Midwest is available from Ruthann Moskowitz, P.O. Box 813, Madison WI 53701. Copies are $4.00 each. For an extra $1.00, purchasers will receive four quarterly updates. (Checks and money orders should be made payable to Howard Landsman. Cash is OK too.)

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MADISON TV HELPLINE UP AND RUNNING

Madison's first telephone helpline for crossdressers is now in operation, thanks to a cooperative Madison Gay Center and to our own persistent WITV Network member, Dijan. Callers who leave their name and phone number will have their calls returned by Dijan. Calls are accepted Monday thru Friday between 7:00 and 10:00pm and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. The helpline # is (608)257-7575.

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NEW BOOK

There is a new book on the market that explains the TV very well. I would recommend it to everyone.

"BOYS WILL BE GIRLS"

Send $9.05 to 'Boys Will Be Girls', c/o University Press of America, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham MD 20706

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PERSONAL LISTINGS

How to respond to a Personal Listing: 1.) If the address is given, write directly to that address.
2.) If the address is 'c/o Tiffany', follow these directions exactly: A.) Place your letter in stamped envelope. (No unstamped mail will be forwarded.) B.) Pencil in the name and state of the person to whom the letter is meant. (i.e. 'Merissa Lynn NH'. We need to be able to erase the identifying name and replace it with the forwarding name. Therefore, no letter with the identifying name in ink will be forwarded.) C.) Place that letter inside another envelope and mail to "Tiffany Club, P. O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

Who may advertise: Only subscribers, and members in good standing of the Tiffany Club may advertise.

Conditions: 1.) Your personal listing will be placed in 'The Tapestry', and will run for the duration of your membership. You may change or withdraw your ad at any time.

2.) Sexually oriented photos or wording will not be accepted, and will result in either the editing or rejection of your listing.

3.) Unless otherwise state, no legal names or addresses will be placed in 'The Tapestry'.

Name (legal and adopted):_____

Address: _____

Personal Listing: _____

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Fees: The subscription fee is $30.00 for one year. ($20.00 for all members in good standing of any of the non-profit organizations listed on page 2.)

Send your check or money order (U.S. Funds) to: TIFFANY CLUB, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (New Hampshire)
Executive Secretary, Tiffany Club
Editor TV/TS Tapestry
SWM TV 6' 200 40, BA Philosophy, athletically orented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL life master, enjoy singing, and love the wilderness, flowers, health-happiness-peace of mind.
I'm a very caring person, and prefer to work on behalf of others. I want to meet people who also care about others. If you are a good soul, care about other people and are ready to help, let me know. I want to meet you. *(P.S. Does anybody out there play a good game of bridge?)*
Merissa Sherrill Lynn, P.O. Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

VIRGINIA HUNT (Eastern Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
Paticipant Tiffany's Weekend
Co-director of Tiffany's TS Support Group
Pre-op TS, 40, 5'6, 138, attractive and passes well. Enjoys dancing, and long drives. Is a country girl at heart. Would like to correspond with other TSs and interesting people.
Virginia Hunt, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

JANET B. (S.E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany General Member
Director Halcyon Society
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
SWM TV 29, 6', 185, good looking (so I'm told). Not exactly new to the TV scene, but always anxious to meet people and make new understanding friends who enjoy dressing as much as I do.
Janet B. (S.E. MA) c/o Tiffany

SANDRA ST JOHN (Vermont)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
SWM Bi-TV, 54, 6'2, not unattractive (if you like tall girls), and pleasant personality.
Enjoys cooking, gardening, sailing, raising sheep, and model railroading.
Occasionally attend Joyce Dewhurst's parties in NYC.
John E. Heath, Craftsbury VT 05826

FRAN V (New Hampshire)
Member Albany TVIC
WWM hetero TV 61, 5'11, 145, quiet, tend to be shy. Enjoys music - vocal, travel, letter writing. Seeking companionship of other TV/TS via pen, phone, or in person. Would like several TVs to form very small sorority to have good times together - go to club meetings together, etc.
Fran V (NH) c/o Tiffany

EDIE TAYLOR (North Carolina)
Participant Fantasia Fair
MWM hetero TV, 58, 6'2, pleasant, mature but stylish. Enjoy music and dining out. Love high heels & feminine things.
Will write to all who contact, wish to exchange ideas, problems, etc.
E.D. Taylor, Box 381, Boone NC 28607

LINDA S (Central Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
MWM TV, 27, 6', easy going, friendly, attractive, engineering student.
Interested in boating, skiing, and especially interested in meeting other TVs from the Worcester MA area.
Linda S., c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

JANICE HEUKLOM (S.E. Massachusetts)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair

57, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjoys country music, movies and nice restaurants. Wants to meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.
Janice H (S.E. MA) c/o Tiffany

DAWN L. (NYC, NY)
Participant Fantasia Fair
DWM hetero TV, 6'3, enjoys jazz, running, sailing, hiking and fashion. Interested in meeting other TVs.
Dawn L (NYC) c/o Tiffany

BARBARA D. (Vermont)
Member Tri Ess
TV, 47, 6', 190, hetero, married. Enjoys movies, dancing, nice restaurants, and just getting out of the closet. Would like to learn more on makeup and more polish on being femme.
Barbara D (VT) c/o Tiffany

WINNIE BRANT (Northern New York)
Member Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair, DREAM
Hetero TV, 52, 6'2, a lady. Have many interest, scientific and culturally oriented. Love to travel.
Mr Winton Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301

DIANA JOYCE HOLMWOOD (Boston MA)
MWM TV-TS, 5'8, 165, 56. Enjoys emulating the best of the female, golf, tennis, travel, motorcycling, gardening. Wants to do so many things (i.e. trying on a dress before buying it, playing golf as a woman, etc.), but mostly being accepted for what I am, a woman!
Diana Joyce Holmwood, 145 Corey St., West Roxbury MA 02132 (617)327-0396 (ask for Ron)

SHEILA KIRK (W. Pennsylvania)
Member Albany TVIC, Paradise Club
Participant Poconos Weekend
SWM TV, 48, 6'. Dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. Attractive - I'll be more so when I lose 20 lbs. I love music and literature - I work very hard so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings.
Sheila Kirk, A-106 - 7801 Lloyd Ave, Pittsburg PA 15218

ELAINE WILLEY (Michigan)
Information Distribution Upper Midwest
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Crossroads, Paradise Club. (Involved in the leadership of the latter two groups.)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Femininity'
Hetero TV (possibly TG), 47, single. Interested in classical music (especially opera), hi-fi, fashion, psychology, and philosophy. "I do not seek extensive personal correspondence, but will answer requests for information and will meet with people in my area who wish to attend meetings."
Elaine Willey, c/o Crossroads Chapter, Box 3013, Flint MI 48502

JANET VIRGINIA SANBORN (New Hampshire)
TS, 39, 5'10, 145, long blonde hair with light blonde highlights. Light complexion, blue eyes, attractive, pass easily and live full time as a woman. Enjoy art, music, psychology, skating, skiing, dancing, and cinima. Interested in establishing relationships and correspondence with TV/TS Community.
Janet S (NH) c/o Tiffany

MALINDA LEE ANDERSON (Wisconsin)
Member Upper Midwest TV Network
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend.
1st Runner-up Miss Provincetown
33, bi-TV, wishest to meet gentlemen and competent TVs in the Midwest or Boston area. Have extensive TV experience. Main interests are erotica and the historical/cultural aspects of crossdressing.
R. Peterson, Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

JANNA PAGE (Illinois)
Member Tri Ess, Shangri La
Participant Fantasia Fair, Shangri La
Somewhat reserved, but friendly TV who is interested in bridge, golf, chess and stamp/coin collecting. Unable to dress as frequently as she would like, but is interested in corresponding with other TVs.
Janna Page, Box 211, Lake Bluff IL 60044

PRISCILLA ANNE GREENE (Northern NY)
Member Albany TVIC
Paricipant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Cinderella' '82
MWM 41, 5'6, size 12, quiet, friendly and active. Enjoys cooking, antiques archaeology, outdoor life, making maple syrup, shopping, eating out and feminine things. I love to dance, go out and I prefer the feminine side of my personality.
Will eventually respond to all correspondence.
Priscilla Anne Greene (NY) c/o Tiffany

CHARLENE WANDA M. (New Hampshire)
Tiffany General member
TS 32, 5'7, 140, brunette, blue eyes. Interests include micro-computers, model railroads, sewing, music: indoor type person. Would like to establish friendships and correspondence with the TS Community.
Charlene M, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

LINDA WHITE (Eastern Massachusetts)
MWM 5'7 59 look very pretty and feminine when dressed, I have always desired to be a woman and want to meet others with the same desires.
Linda W (E MA) c/o Tiffany

AUDREY M (Central Massachusetts)
Secretary, Mayflower Society
MWM bi-TV, 47, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Would like to meet other TVs.
N.M., c/o Box 66, Allston MA 02134

AMANDA J (Central Connecticut)
Member Tri Ess, GGA
MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one on one situations rather than large gatherings.
Amanda J (CT) c/o Tiffany

JACKIE GRAHAM (Southeast MA)
SWM TV, 35, 6', 175, blue eyes, brown hair, professional. Enjoys good soft music, sports, conversation. Love to dress in nylons. Never without them on under my business suit. I want very much to come out of the closet.
Jackie G (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

BOBBIE WHITE (New Hampshire)
Tiffany General member
SWM human being. 27, 130, 5'9, attractive. Enjoys high fashion, soft rock, computers, and would like to meet other TVs or TSs around my age in the NH-E. MA. area.
Bobbie White, c/o P.O. Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

KIM SCHRIEBER (Boulder Colorado)
Information distribution for Inter-mountain area
Participant DREAM, Tiffany's Weekend
Blonde, blue eyes, 39, 5'11, 155, lifetime TV, attractive, pleasant, well-educated. Enjoys skiing, most outdoor activities. Also, interested in organizing a 3-day event in Colorado.
Kim Schrieber, Box 3062, Boulder CO 80306

NANCY SCHRIEBER (Boulder Colorado)
Co-director Mountain Rose Society
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Female (spouse of Kim S.), attractive, pleasant, understanding. Interested in working with Kim to organize TV functions in Colorado. Am especially interested in contacting wives and fiances of TVs. Have been active, and am comfortable with the crossdressing scene. Will answer all.
Nancy Schrieber, Box 3062, Boulder CO 80306

JOANNE B (New Hampshire)
Tiffany Keyholder
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Awards: Tiffany's Friendship award, Tiffany's 'Most Helpful' award.
Hetero TV 50's, 5'9, size 14, fun loving, pleasant. Enjoys golf, swimming, travel, bridge. Shy at first but would enjoy having an environment of other TVs around me. Would enjoy meeting other single TVs and TSs.
Joanne B, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

MARILYN ANN MURRAY (Western NY)
Member GGA
31, 5'8, single. Likes everything feminine, high heels & dresses. Also enjoys tennis, fishing, oil painting. Would like to have TV/TS to help in dressing, or a female, plus makeup and style and mannerisms.
Ms Marilyn Ann Murray, Box 134, Maple Springs NY 14756

RENEE CARROLL (Southeast CT)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.
Miss Renee Carroll, Box 231, Stratford CT 06497

JUDY TOMANN (Athens, Greece)
TV, 42, 5'8, 157, bi. Enjoys everything feminine, especially walking in high heels. Am athletic, love to dance. Enjoys chess, sailing, camping, physical life, photography. I would like to exchange letters and photos with other TVs. Will answer all!!
Judy T (Overseas) c/o Tiffany

WENDI PARKER (Southern CA)
Member of CHIC, GGA
Participant Fantasia Fair
Awarded F/F 'Miss Cinderella' '81
SWM hetero, 34, 5'9. Enjoys music, art, dressing and passing well, lively and intelligent conversation with warm, pleasant people. Would like to develop a relationship with a woman in a role reversal living situation. Will correspond with interested women.
Wendi P (S CA) c/o Tiffany

BARBARA B (Long Island NY)
Member GGA
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 41, 5'10, slim, pleasant, discreet, passible (I'm told). Enjoys fashion, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, penpals, and especially enjoys learning to be more feminine.
Would enjoy writing to and meeting other sensible sisters.
Barbara B (LI NY) c/o Tiffany

STEPHANIE C. (N.E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany General member
MWM 40, 5'10, hetero TV. Very reserved. Just out of the closet and like what I see. Interests include shopping, dining out, 50's music and high high heels. Want to correspond with and meet other TVs with similar interests. Travel NYC, NJ, CT.
Stephanie C., c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

BOBBIE GARNER (Southern California)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
5'5, 145, 27, submissive TV.
B. Garner, 3043 Grandview Bvl, Los Angeles CA 90066 (213)398-6600

TERRI DOWNS (Nevada)
SWM TV, 40. Enjoy dressing and meeting others who dress. Interest include flying, music (strings and country). Will answer all letters. Love to meet TVs who visit Las Vegas.
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas NV 89030-0116

ALICE J. MILLARD (Northwest FL)
Information distribution Southeast U.S.
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair
MWM hetero TV, 55, 5'11, with pleasant outgoing personality. Enjoy going out dressed, dining out and visiting TV friends en femme, and an active TV social life. Live in NW Florida (winter) and central NY state (summer). Accepting wife who welcomes friendships with TV married couples. Eager to make and correspond with new friends of similar interests such as bridge, travel, dancing, genealogy and investment strategies.
Alice J. Millard, Box 1028, Gulf Breeze FL 32561 (winter) or Box 264, Cooperstown NY 13326 (summer)

KAREN V. (Eastern Massachusetts)
Tiffany General member
SWM Hetero TV 36 5'8, 155, good personality, but quiet. Enjoys music (classical & jazz), karate, bridge. Very honest, and interested in sharing my TV experience with others.
Karen V, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

SUSAN A (Southeast MA)
Participant Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 36, 5'7, considered attractive and passable. Enjoys collecting female clothing, specially lingerie. Would like to meet others with similar interests in Boston/South Shore area.
Susan A (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

MARCI DESCHAMPS (Boston MA)
WM hetero TV, 6'4, 34, blonde, into technological things. Enjoys bicycling, anything outdoors. "I have many interests and feel crossdressing allows me to express a part of me that is special. I would enjoy going out in public dressed with someone; I do so on my own now."
Marci Deschamps (MA) c/o Tiffany

LAURA LYONNS (Montreal CAN)
Member TAMS
Eventual TS, 28, 5'8, 140, attractive, and passes well. My interests include the media, dance, fashion, female impersonation shows, and further development of a TV and TS social life. In order to get to know others similar to myself, I would like to correspond, and if possible meet with TSs. I would also like to correspond and meet with attractive TVs who have no problem with passing in public.
Laura Lyonns, c/o TAMS, P.O. Box 1164, Station H, Montreal Quebec, H3G 2N1

SUSAN REYNOLOS (Virginia)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
45, 5'8, reasonably passable, very active in the TV scene, active correspondant with may of the TV sisters. Enjoys sports cars, photography, hunting/fishing. "Very much enjoy the TV scene, the sisters I have met tend to be super people, we have interests beyond our cross dressing. I wish to be considered as a reserved, poised woman!
Susan Reynolds, P.O. Box 11160, Alexandria VA 22312

SUSAN C HUXFORD (Ontario CAN)
Information distribution Canada
Executive Director FACT, Director GenderServe Counselling, Research and Educational services. Member SSSS, and ABIGDA
TS (post-op), old enough to have retired, 6', talkative, didactic and may prove intimidating. Interested in interpersonal relationships, serious music, choral music (participation), trying not to be overworked.
Susan C. Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Can L8S 3C8 (416)r29-7884

ELLEN S (Oregon)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA
Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.
Ellen S, c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

JUDY P (Southern Maine)
Tiffany General member
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend, Outreach's Gala Weekend
SWM hetero TV, 38, 6'1, 140. Enjoys soft rock and country music, bicycle riding. Interested in things feminine.
Judy P (ME) c/o Tiffany

MARY LOU H (Western Canada)
Participant Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
Member Tri Ess
Hetero TV, 5'8, SWM 60, size 12. Professional musician and composer, loves nature, concerts, drama, museums, travelling. Stylish dresser, good fashion taste, has makeup troubles. Will meet fine TVs and understanding girls/ladies. "I need only makeup training."
Mary Lou H (Can) c/o Tiffany

JAIME R (Rhode Island)
Member Halcyon Society
SWM TV (possibly TS) 5'9, 145, 36. Enjoys rock & roll, country and western music, dance, gardening and fishing. I am quiet, friendly and easy to get along with and am looking to establish friendships and correspondence with the TV/TS Community and learn more about improving makeup and mannerisms.
Jaime R (RI) c/o Tiffany

TERRI J (Western MA)
TS, 29, 5'8, brown hair, brown eyes, shy, self-conscious, and would like to meet and make friends with other TSs, TVs, and females who can help me to improve my mannerisms and makeup skills and to go out in public dressed. I'm interested in wood working, movies, swimming, bowling, music, dressing, drives in the country and I have a good sense of humor. So if you're not doing anything, let's get together.
Terri J (W MA) c/o Tiffany

CINDY V (Central CT)
WM hetero TV, 26, 5'8, 155. Enjoy 60's music, photography, psychology, hooking rugs, fishing and helping others. I would like to make some TV friends through Tiffany and will answer all letters.
Cindy V (CT) c/o Tiffany

JOHN H (Philadelphia Pennsylvania)
WM, Hetero/slightly bi, 50, 5'9, 150. Interested in social times, meeting people, dining, dancing, swimming, Cape Cod summers. Do not dress but like to act the male role when with the TV/TS set.
Hohn H (PA) c/o Tiffany

JUDY LEIGH S. (N.E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany General member
Married TV, 45, 5'4, pleasant, shy. I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music,.plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends.
Judy S., c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

LORRAINE MCNEIL (Boston MA)
MWM TV, 31, 5'6, 140. Interests include sports and movies. Love to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other TVs.
Lorraine McNeil, Box 589, Milton MA 02186

CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (Northern NY)
Information distribution N. NY
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
MWM TV, 32, 5'7, 145. Pass well, and attractive. Enjoys X-C skiing, carping year round, photography, music, dancing, lively parties meeting people. "I love going out in public! Want to help others to learn to accept themselves and to be a woman without guilt." Will answer all letters.
Cheryl A. McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

MAXINE MCDONALD (Texas)
Information distribution, Texas
Participant Fantasia Fair
6'4 in heels (big broad), 53, maybe reserved, long hair (hate wigs), straight, dress down - not up. Interests include broadcasting, audio/video production, computers, theatre pipe organ & old movie houses - Fantasia Fair since 1979. "I don't like closets, enjoy getting out dressed - even tho I don't pass (but no hassels) - an hour dressed is a good hour."
Will provide information for my area, but am absolutely dreadful at answering personal mail - really!
Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas TX 75231

KATHY HIVISH (Northeast PA)
Information distribution NE PA
Member GGA (Director of NE PA Chapter), Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
MWM, pre-op TS, 34, 5'17½", big-beautiful woman! Into the lost art of writing letters. Dedicated to helping others in our paraculture; seeking comparable position in newspaper publishing as Kath, presently working part-time as waitress.
Ann Marie, my spouse, is willing to talk to other wives.
Kathy Hivish, P.O. Box 268, Dallas PA 18612 (717)675-2585 6-10 weeknights, 1-10 weekends

CONNIE NICHOLS (Western NY)
Member Tri Ess, GGA, Albany TVIC
MWM TV, 5'5, 123#. Long time crossdresser. Interested in correspondence and extreme heels plus neat dressing. All letters promptly answered.
C.M. Nichols, P.O. Box 734, Jamestown NY 14702

JOANNE VIGUE (Eastern MA)
On staff of 'Center for Becoming'
Member GGA
Pre-op TS, peer counselor, pleasant with good sense of humor. Am organizing informal get-togethers Thursday evenings in Allston MA. I am interested in making contact with all M-F & F-M TSs and gender dysphoric persons.
JoAnne Vigue, 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749 (617)568-0680

VIVIAN R (Rhode Island)
SWM, 32, 5'6, 135. Somewhat shy and inhibited but friendly. Enjoy music, record collecting, bowling and cooking. Am a novice crossdresser and would like to have a female or TV/TS help me in learning more about dressing, makeup, posture, etc.
Vivian R (RI) c/o Tiffany

VERONICA W (Boston MA)
SWM bi TV, 5'7, 25. Enjoys music, theater, literature. Is looking forward to meeting others at Tiffany.
Veronica W (MA) c/o Tiffany

CATHY T (Northern MA)
MWM hetero TV 38 5'10. Enjoys flying, hickey, and very interested in dressing and girl talk. Would like to meet with and talk to girls of the same interests.
Cathy T (N MA) c/o Tiffany

MARLENA KAYLA MULLER (Florida)
MWM hetero TV, 37, 6'1, passable, stylish dresser. Enjoys fashion, women's rights, reading music. "I'm looking for confidential friendship and companionship when traveling. I am a transgenderist."
Ms Marlena K Muller, Box 3915, Vero Beach FL 32960

RUTH S (Northeast Massachusetts)
MWM TV 28 5'11, 155. "I've been crossdressing on my own for 15 years and want my natural femme to germinate now that I've found friends. My interests include hiking, canoeing, sailing and the arts. Love to hear from you and especially seek advice on telling my wife. I'd be interested in getting out of doors for a first meeting since the Club functions are hard to make.
Ruth S (NE MA) c/o Tiffany

TAMARA M (Portland Maine)
SWM TV, 50, 6', submissive. Enjoy music and crossdressing. Interested in living as a TV as much as possible & meeting other TVs that could assist in makeup training etc.
Tamara M (ME) c/o Tiffany

DEE DEE W (Hartford CT)
I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
To write to me.
A photograph, a kindly note
Will make me say,
"I'm glad she wrote."
Dee Dee W (CT) c/o Tiffany

DEE G (Central Connecticut)
MWM TV, 33, tall, attractive, easy-going. Likes drives, dating and holding hands in the woods. Would enjoy meeting others with similar interests.
Dee G (Ct) c/o Tiffany

RENEE ERIKA CLARK (New Hampshire)
MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'6, attractive. Enjoys hunting, fishing, reading, archery, high heels and dressing feminine.
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Member The Beaumont Society (England)
Participant Fantasia Fair
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Lee Arsnal (ME) c/o Tiffany

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DANIELLE D (New Hampshire)
Pre-op TS, 5'11, 150, 30. Interests include music (hard rock and blues), sports, and good times with good friends. Would like to establish friendships and correspondence with TS Community.
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Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.
Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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Kim Stevens, P.O. Box 817, Oak Lawn IL 60454 Include photo, will answer all.

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Denise R, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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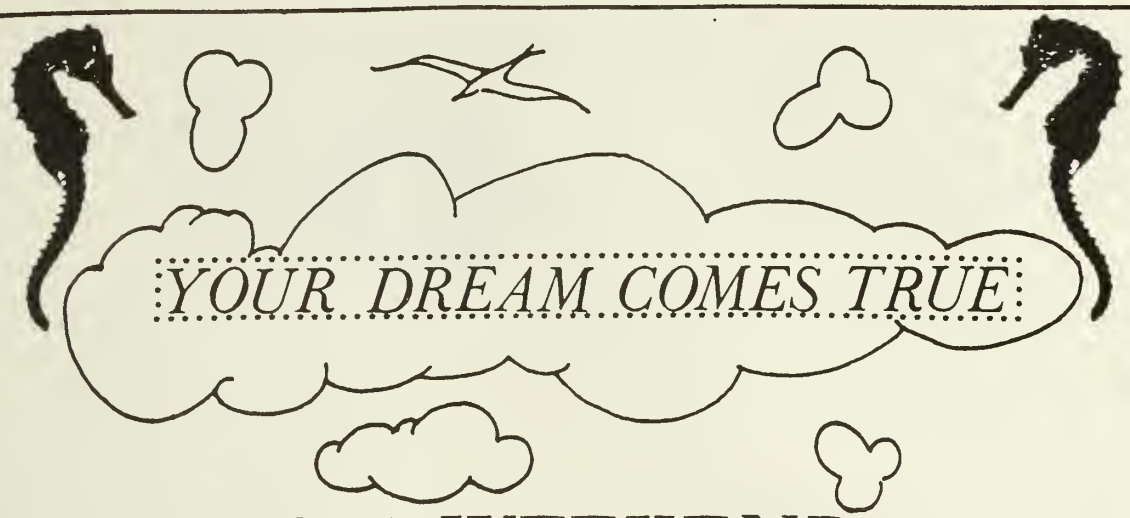

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